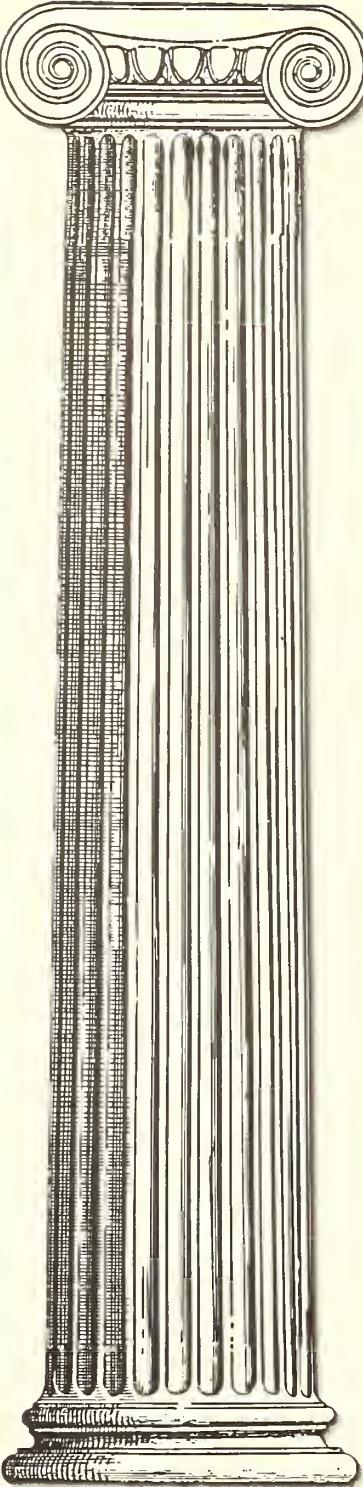


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HOW HAVE
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More Excitement

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More activities, more special moments, and more students participation has changed the lives of everyone at Fairmont State College by giving them "More Excitement."

A new president for Fairmont State College and student government: just two examples of special news stories and activities that happened throughout the year giving way to our "Bigger Headlines."



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New Faces

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Certainly people will be the most dominate change at Fairmont State College, making it a campus where everyday brings one the chance to change their friends by meeting "New Faces."

Bigger Headlines

Fairmont State
College fraterni-
ties and sorori-

ties are like
families and
families bring
about a feeling of
unity that lasts
for a lifetime.

Our greeks
change us by
making **“New
Traditions.”**



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**Future
Traditions**

Stronger Pride

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The excitement
of the game, the
screaming of the
fans, the thrill of
victory, all things
that anyone who
is a member of
Fairmont State
College athletics
love. Those are
the ones with
**“Stronger
Pride.”**

We make a goal,
then we strive to
meet that goal.

After that one
goal is meet we
realize that our
goals are attain-
able and how far
we will reach for

our **“Higher
Standards.”**

Continued Growth

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Belonging is
something that is
very easy to do at
Fairmont State
College because
of the many orga-
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are offered both
in and out of the
classroom. Ev-
eryone can add to
our **“Continued
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**Higher
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The majestic columns in front of Hardway Hall reveal Fairmont State College's vast history. Hardway Hall is one of the few buildings still standing from the days of the Fairmont Normal School.

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Benches were populated by students relaxing, studying, or just catching their breath. Most students took advantage of the warm days, by spending as much time as possible outside in the fresh air.

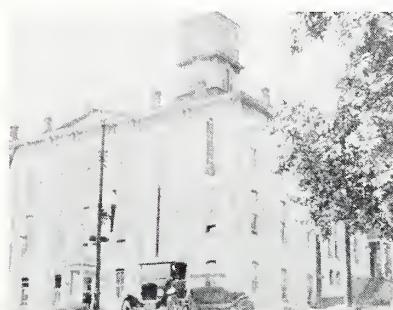


Lunchtimes were spent mostly with friends. Lunch seemed to be the most busy time on campus, with many students meeting friends, who are usually seen in passing. Any empty spot was the scene for laughter and gossip.

HOW HAVE WE *Changed?*

Students pass time between classes in front of Jaynes Hall. Entrances were usually covered by students talking to friends, and waiting for the five minutes before class begins to find their way to their room.

For 1867 \$5,000 was a vast amount of money. However, that was exactly how much the Legislature gave Dr. Wm. White, Superintendent of Schools, and Governor A.B. Fleming to build a teacher's training school, for the "purpose of training teachers in the improved methods of instruction and discipline, adopted in the school of other states." Therefore Fairmont Normal School was born with only two courses. In 1872 the Normal School graduated only four students. Twenty one years later, Normal School moved to Fairmont Avenue. The senior class of 1914 published the seventh edition of The Mound in 1914.



The first Fairmont Normal School at Main and Quincy Streets.



The Fairmont Normal School located on Fairmont Avenue.



Mark Zeigler demonstrates a new way to get to class. Even though skateboards aren't the best way to get to classes, they are a favorite pastime of many students.



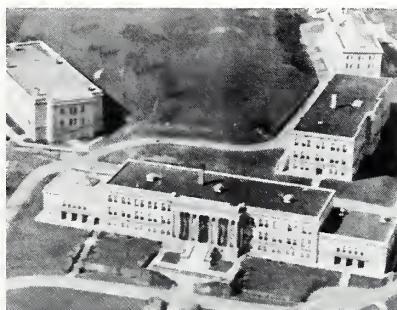
Alpha Sigma Tau members proclaim "Slay the Bears" while riding on their Homecoming float. The parade began in cold weather that turned into an even colder drizzle. Organizations spent a great deal of effort on their floats.



Melissa May, a Morrow Hall monitor, takes advantage of free time by studying. While she resides in the dorm, she is able to make money by watching the residents and helping with problems.

The president, O.I. Woodley, A.M. announced that Fairmont Normal would be moving to a new location, 12 acres on Locust Avenue for future years.

The new school would have six new buildings. Throughout the years, the Mound readers have been told to *Rise Above the Ordinary* (1983), *Make a Sturdy Climb* (1985), *Take It From the Top* (1989), succeed by *Facing the Challenges* (1991), to *Snap Out of It* (1994), and to get FSC answer's to *What You Don't Know* (1995). Fairmont State College faces new changes every year. Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach because the first woman president of FSC; renovations were made to Hunt Haught and Wallman Halls, and the gallery in Wallman was dedicated as the James D. Brooks Memorial Gallery; we want everyone to ask themselves, ***How Have We Changed?***



The first Fairmont State College on Locust Avenue.



Fairmont State College as we know and love it in 1996.



More Excitement

Student Life



Joel Pauley supported "Light Up the Night." The campus was lighted by candles, a symbol for every person who has suffered through domestic violence. This event turned out to be very successful, with many in attendance.

From the first days of two courses at the Fairmont Normal School, students have always wanted time to themselves to be able to have their own kind of fun. Friends and families are still students' favorite confidants. Just like any other, this year was full of activities. Improvements were completed to Hunt Haught Hall, and the road and parking lot behind Wallman Hall. Greek Week brought fraternities and sororities together with new friends. Homecoming Week gave students and organizations a way to show school spirit, be with friends, and attend festivities. Everything changed for students and organizations as the days changed from warm to cool, to cold, and back to warm. Traditions, classes, scenery, and life in general changed. However the question remains: **How Have We Changed?**

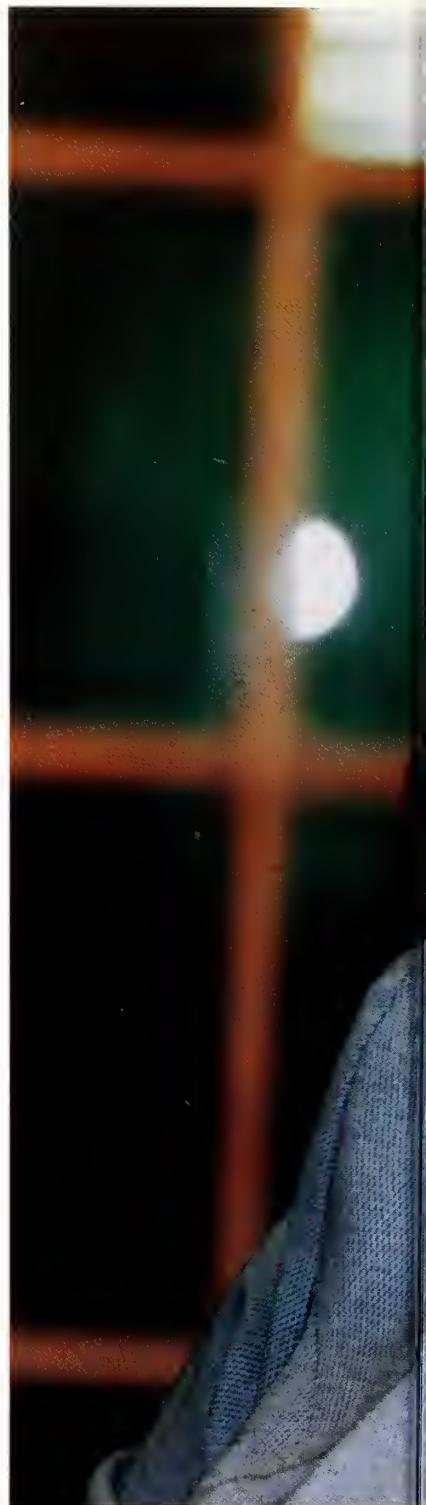
New in Charge

The Woman at the Head of the Table

Fairmont State College is honored to have the first ever female president to preside over a four year institution of higher learning in the state of West Virginia. Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach was named successor to Dr. Robert Dillman. President Dudley-Eshbach comes from upstate New York where she served as provost in Potsdam at the State University of New York. She has seventeen years of administrating and teaching experience along with a Ph.D. from El Colegio De Mexico and a B.A. degree from Indiana University. "When I first visited the campus, I was extremely impressed with the strength in many fields of study. Research, education, criminal justice, nursing, liberal arts and sciences are some of the strong points. That combination of the community college and a four-year undergraduate college poses some challenges but, at the same time, some unique opportunities," stated the newest president of FSC. The President has indicated possible changes for FSC but to start things off, big changes are not in the plan because they are "not necessary" to improve this institution. One of the president's early goals is to first get to know the students on a personal level. Other goals are to "bring the college up to date with modern technology and computing." President Dudley-Eshbach poses a most important change in FSC's history.

By: Amanda Parrish

President Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach has made a priority of meeting as many students as possible during her first few months at FSC. She has also been seen at numerous activities on campus, showing her involvement.



Q: Is there really a difference between having a woman or a man as president?

A: "No difference really. Just as long as she gets the job done, and she seems she will."

-Brian Johnson



At a Student Government meeting, concerned students listen to President Dudley-Eshbach speak about her ideas for the up and coming years. Everyone who attended left with a feeling of knowing she will fulfill her position to the highest degree.



President Janet Dudley-Eshbach waits with anticipation for the announcement of the 1996 Homecoming Queen. Homecoming is one of the biggest events on FSC's campus. Activities like Homecoming were made more exciting by the attendance of our new president.

The Honors Association was present at a Fireside Chat with Dr. Dudley-Eshbach. These chats were held in the Fireplace room in the Turley Center to informally discuss future plans for the FSC campus.

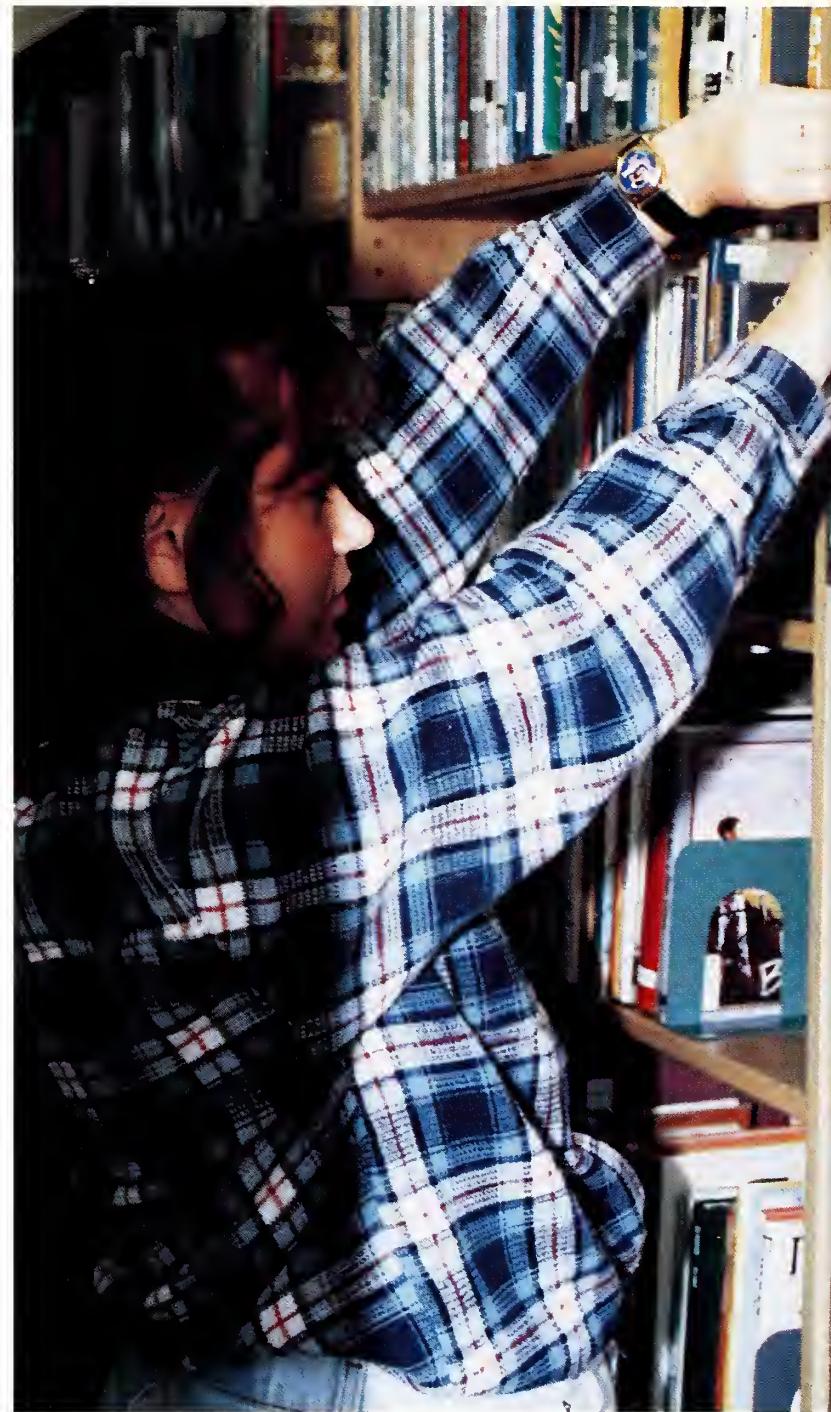
All Work ^{and} No Play

Fairmont State Students Work for Extra Cash

Across all college campuses in America students are dividing their hectic schedules around work, school, and a social life. The balance between them is not only a delicate process, but also a stressful situation. Students manage their time in order to squeeze in their jobs, studying for the big test, and hanging out with friends. Several FSC students had something different to say about the working situation. "Working is not that great, but the people that you work with make it fun.....like a family," said Mark Moncino. In contrast with that, Kat Howell, said, "It fills out my schedule, and I am not sleeping all the time." Although, for some students, working with other students doesn't qualify as a social life. There are other students who believe free time is not a luxury that can be taken for granted. "I am either at work or at school, I don't have much free time," commented Jennifer Castel. There is another side where work and studies are actually a part of the social aspect. Jess Amick states, "It doesn't really affect me. I interact with students during work. Work cuts into free time quite a bit, but you have to work to survive." "You just have to make time for your friends," says Phil Efaw. School combined with work can bring on a great amount of stress. But college working students at Fairmont State are here to stay.

By: Angel Hill

Kitty Mayne retrieves books from the returns located in the tunnel and the front of the Ruth Ann Musick Library. Work study students help answer questions, file, type, and even help with graduation.



Q: What do you think about students who don't work during their college years?

A: "It's better for us to devote our time to studies. I already have to divide my time between classes."

-Cassie Shaner



Between the stacks of books, a library work study student returns books to their proper places on the shelves. There are many jobs for students who qualify for work study. The jobs help many students pay for college or just have spending money.



Tamara Blankenship attaches an announcement to the bulletin board outside of FSC's Child Care Center. Responsibility rests heavily on the shoulders of these workers due to taking care of small children.

Waiting for someone to turn in their student ID, Russ and Brian watch students walk in and out of the Nickel. They help to keep track of the ping pong balls, paddles, pool balls, and pool sticks.



Finally after the rush of the first few weeks of students buying books, Tiffany Spadafore is able to perform less stressful Bookstore duties. Most work study students help the faculty and staff, so more work can be accomplished, and they can learn how some offices operate.

Coding graduation applications, Holly Devins types at a computer in the Registrars and Admissions Office. She does a great deal of work so graduation can be pulled off without a hitch. Sometimes student workers know more about an office than those who work there.

Members of the Non-Traditional Students Society were able to discuss their feelings during one of the first meetings held during the fall semester. They were also treated to games and other fun activities during this meeting.

Kerry Marbury was led around during a meeting where a game was played in which he was blindfolded to demonstrate how some non-traditional students feel they are treated.



Some "non-trads," as the group is more commonly known, attended a meeting to hear a guest speaker about changing the way they are perceived by other "traditional" students.

Q: Being a non-traditional student, do you enjoy classes with younger students?

A: "It's good to be involved with others. The young learn from us. We learn from them."

-Shirley Migon



Not your Everyday Student

*They Have The Courage To
Come Back*

A non-traditional student is someone who has been out of high school for a few years, is usually age 23 or older, and for whatever reason, has decided to get a college education. "If there is any desire to succeed, that piece of paper still opens doors," says Susan Leech, a fourth year non-traditional student. Non-traditional students make up 46% of the FSC population with 2,961 students. The Society of Non-Traditional Students is an organization started five years ago by Wally Howerton, to address the needs of non-traditional students. "They have entirely different needs than a traditional student. They have concerns like child care," says Kerry Marbury, faculty advisor. Numerous non-traditional students hesitate because they aren't sure about being in classes with those students who are younger. Unfortunately, this organization almost ceased to exist this year because of lack of enthusiasm and low membership, but officers and the members worked to increase their membership, by sponsoring the Little Mr. and Miss FSC for Homecoming. They also sponsored the canned food drive and "Ditch Your Kids Night" for Christmas.

By: Tara Stemple



Matthew Trout takes a break before his graphics class in Wallman Hall. Matthew is a first year non-traditional student, which is also a first for many others enrolled at FSC.

The Non-Traditional Students Society was represented at the mix-off. This mix-off sponsored a contest for the best non-alcoholic drink and this organization won first place for best presentation.

Catching the Memories

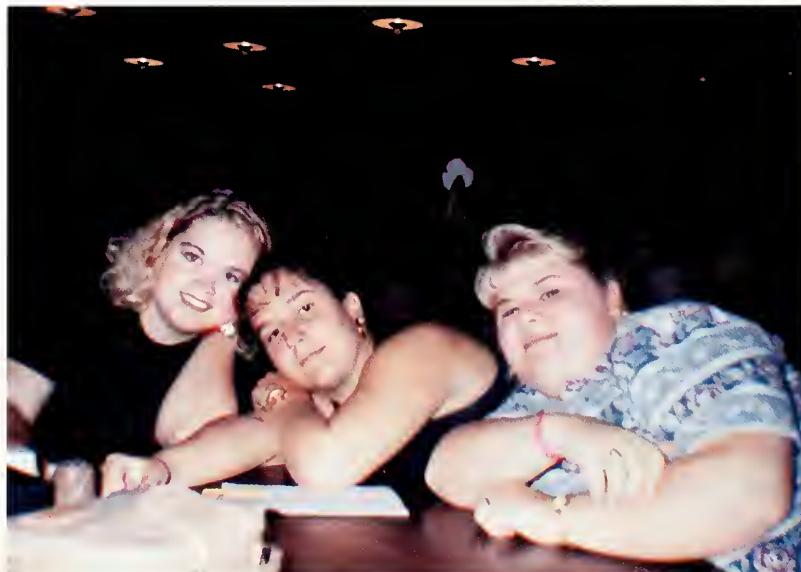
Printing What You Want To See

The Mound, The Columns, and The Whetstone make up Student Publications at FSC. The Mound yearbook is full of photos, stories, and everything else that happened during the year. In preparing for the year, editors-in-chief Christina Short and Molly Mathews and the managing editor Holly Devins attended the Yearbooks for Excellence Seminar. They were awarded second place in overall yearbook theme packets. Molly Mathews won best writing in small groups. The Whetstone is the art and literary journal of FSC. It is student published biannually and contains art, poetry, short stories, plays, and many other works. The Whetstone gives awards each year to those works they feel achieve excellent. The Whetstone Award of Excellence was established to recognize one exemplary work of art and literature. The last publication is The Columns. The FSC newspaper, is published every week, except holidays. "We have a Thursday afternoon deadline so The Fairmont Times can pick it up Friday morning to print it. But we're usually working late Thursday and early Friday to finish," said Editor-in-Chief Amanda Parrish. This year new advisors were added. Sandra Walls and Jennifer Snow helped with the publications. However, Student Publications would not be complete without the help of the Student Publications secretary, Patricia Whiting. These publications continue to show the history of FSC year after year.

By: Tara Stemple



In August Molly Mathews, Christina Short, and Holly Devins attended a yearbook camp at Bridgewater College in Virginia. The camp was held by their yearbook representatives and they were they received a scholarships to attend camp.





Shawn Freeman, Managing editor for the Columns, diligently types in a story for his page to meet the deadline. Shawn has many responsibilities during production of the college's newspaper, which keeps students informed of campus happenings.



William Woolfitt, a Whetstone literary co-editor, spends his free time reading submissions. Anyone can submit stories, art, and even plays to be considered for publication.

Jamie Crone, the other literary co-editor, spends many hours setting up authors and artists to come display their works or give readings. The Whetstone also holds many workshops for writing and art which all students are encouraged to attend.

Student Publications set up a display at the Activities Fair held in October. They handed out older copies of The Mound, Columns, and Whetstone. They also sold candles and soap to raise money for the publications.



Q: Should Student Publications be completely run by the chosen student editors?

A: "Students should have more authority because the name "Student Publications" suggests it is student run."

-Misty Weaver

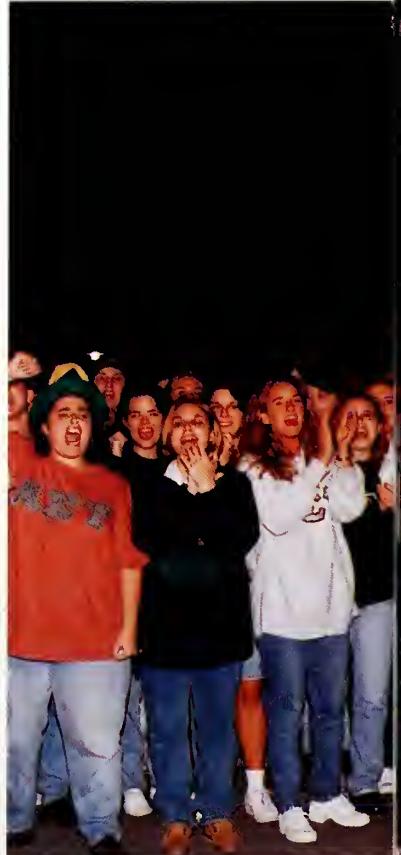
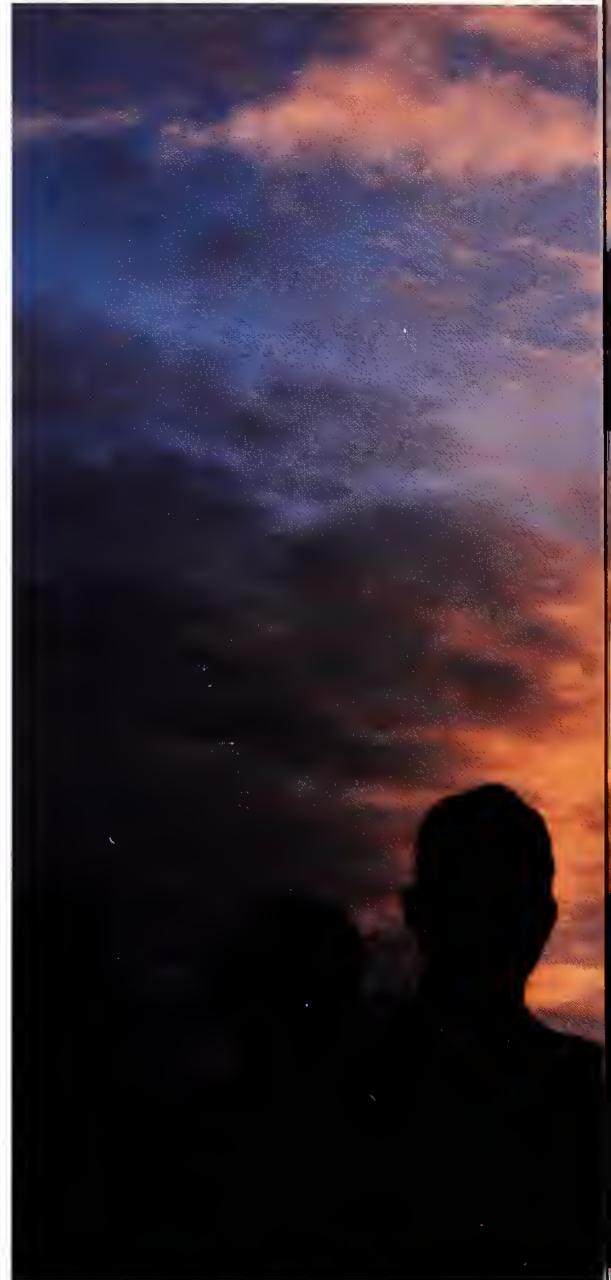
Homecoming Activities

Bonfire, Picnic, Parade, Dance, Football Game and more

Knights, lords, ladies, dragons, wizards, kings, queens, castles, moats, and magic spells turned FSC into a world of "Medieval Magic." In a month known for Halloween, FSC chose the week of October 7-11 to celebrate Homecoming. Comedian Michael Winslow catapulted Homecoming Week off on Monday night. He has starred in all the "Police Academy" movies, playing the noise-cracking Jones. Tuesday the ceremonial bonfire was held at Rosier Field. This was also the setting for the spirit stick competition, won by Tau Kappa Epsilon and Sigma, Sigma, Sigma. Thursday, organizations paraded through Main Street in Fairmont, showing how they interpreted "Medieval Magic." TKEs and Tri-Sig's also won best float. When the parade was finally over, everyone rushed back and forth, getting ready for the dance. Again held at Westchester Village, students danced to music from the 70's disco era to the 90's, after entering and receiving a Homecoming T-shirt. Later that night the candidates were introduced, so votes could be decided the following afternoon.

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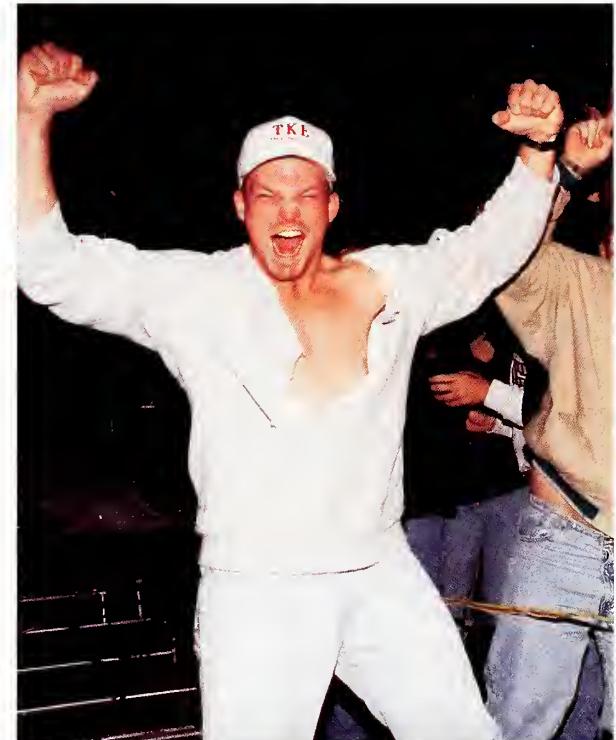
1995 Spirit Stick winners, Sigma Tau Gamma, expected to hold onto the 7 foot falcon for another year, but to their surprise the stick was handed over to Tau Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Sigma Sigma. Organizations compete every year at the bonfire, to see who has the most school spirit.



Michael Winslow, "Jones" from Police Academy movies entertained the campus with his imitations and noises during Monday night, the kick off of "Medieval Magic."



Tau Kappa Epsilon president, "Tug" McGraw, shows the thrill of victory after learning his fraternity has just won the Homecoming Spirit Stick from Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity.



Alpha Sigma Tau and Delta Zeta sororities vie for the Spirit Stick, during the bonfire at Rosier Field on Tuesday evening. All members including new pledges were welcome to join in the cheering.



Amy Linehardt is congratulated by 1995 Homecoming Queen Nicole Germinario, with a crown and a hug, on being voted as the 1996 Homecoming Queen. The voting was done on Friday with a long wait to Saturday.



Name: Christi Simmons
Organization: Marching Band
Hometown: Midway, PA
Major: Art Education
Class Rank: Sophomore
Escort: Larry Csanka

Name: Jill Tuttle
Organization: Honor Association
Hometown: Fairmont, WV
Major: Elementary Education
Class Rank: Junior
Escort: Jeremy Prahl



Name: Jessica Johnston
Organization: Criminal Justice Club
Hometown: Lewisburg, WV
Major: Criminal Justice
Class Rank: Sophomore
Escort: Mark Talkington

Name: Marcy Schiefer
Organization: Delta Xi Omicron & Tau Beta Iota
Hometown: Exchange, WV
Major: Elementary Education
Class Rank: Senior
Escort: Curtis Strole



Name: Tammy Chipps
Organization: Delta Zeta & Sigma Pi
Hometown: Fairmont, WV
Major: Biology/ Sec. Education
Class Rank: Senior
Escort: Joel Pauley

Name: Natalie Harris
Organization: Baptist Campus Ministry
Hometown: Buckhannon, WV
Major: Psychology
Class Rank: Senior
Escort: Larry Hissam



And The Winner Is...

TKE and Sigma, Sigma, Sigma Representative. Amy Lienhardt



Name: Amy Lienhardt **Organization:** Sigma Sigma Sigma & Tau Kappa Epsilon
Hometown: Rivesville, WV
Major: Safety Engineering **Class Rank:** Senior
Escort: Kenny Brown



Name: Andrea Myers **Organization:** Sigma Tau
Hometown: Fairmont, WV **Gamma**
Major: Elementary Education **Class Rank:** Sophomore
Escort: C.J. Ebert



Name: Teresa Blake
Organization: Prichard Hall
Hometown: Jackson Mill, WV
Major: Elementary Education
Class Rank: Junior
Escort: Brian Fleak



Name: April Smith
Organization: Black Student Union
Hometown: Monongah, WV
Major: Biology
Class Rank: Sophomore
Escort: Shewen Winfree

Name: Christie Malcolm
Organization: Alpha Phi Omega
Hometown: Bridgeport, WV
Major: Music Education
Class Rank: Senior
Escort: Tony Hostuler



Name: Kristi Sadler
Organization: Kappa Delta Phi
Hometown: Nettie, WV
Major: Elementary Education
Class Rank: Junior
Escort: Tim Adkins



Name: Danielle Hrapchak
Organization: Alpha Sigma Tau
Hometown: Metro, OH
Major: Elementary Education
Class Rank: Senior
Escort: Barrett Byers



Name: Jenna Kircharte
Organization: GCA, CAOS, Choral, and Masquers
Hometown: Fairmont, WV
Major: Graphic Communications
Class Rank: Senior
Escort: Jason Martin



Q: Did you enjoy all the traditions and activities going on during homecoming week?

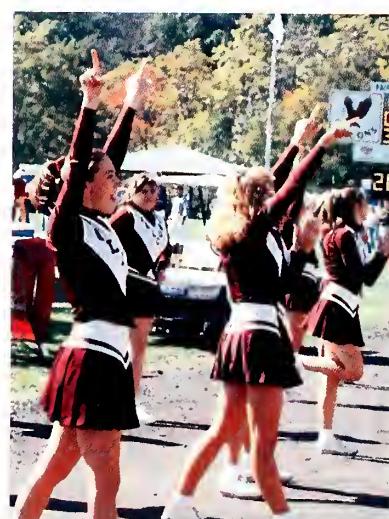
Sigma Tau Gamma members were present at the Homecoming game against WV Tech. The support of the fans, students, and organizations help the football team know that everyone is behind them in their efforts.

A: "I think they should do more with student participation. Maybe have crazy days where students can dress really wild."

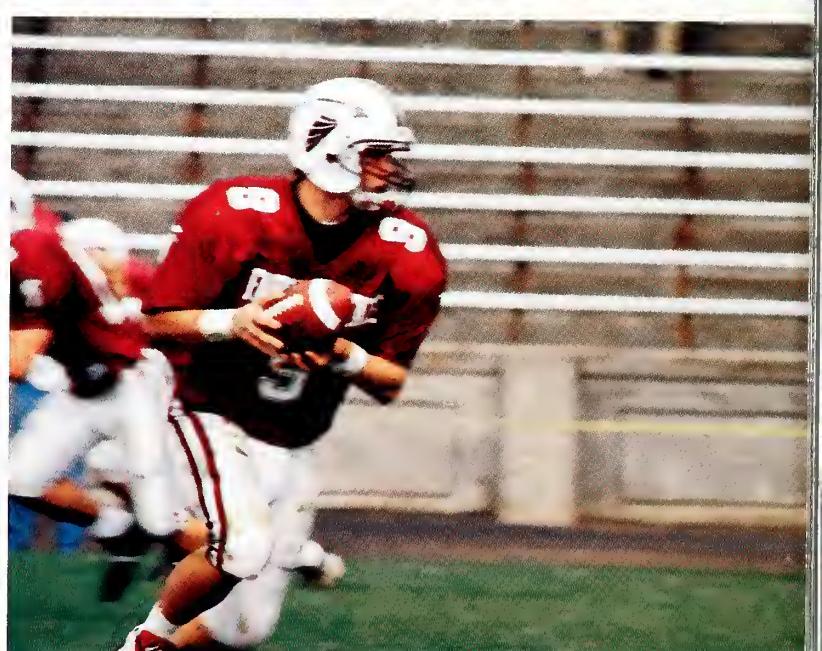
-Janet Layne



Terry Ferris, a member of Sigma Tau Gamma, cheers on the football team with includes fraternity brothers. Group support sometimes goes unnoticed, but it means a great deal to those in the sport.



Falcon cheerleaders try to razz the crowd of fans as the score reaches 34-0 in the second quarter of the Homecoming game. The Falcons continued to score and ended the game with a score of 67-0.



Quarterback Jarrod Furgason, a Fairmont native, steps out of the pocket to pass the ball to a teammate during the October 11 game at Rosier Field. The fans cheered the Falcons to a victory over the WV Tech Polar Bears.

The Big Day

Coming Home to See What Has Changed



Mark Stfl (F), Jon Balko (A), Helius Mucino (L), Kete Callahan (C), Joe Ritz (O), Billy McDonald (N), and Dave Williams (S) spell out their school spirit by painting letters on their bare chests. These members of FSC's swim team aren't afraid to be crazy when it comes to their school.

Finally, on Saturday afternoon, the 1995 Homecoming Queen, Nicole Germinario crowned Amy Lienhardt from Sigma Sigma Sigma the new 1996 Homecoming Queen. The Falcon football team triumphed over the WV Tech Bears, with 67-0 as the score. Many students were there to lend their support by boasting craziness. Members of FSC's swim team stood atop the bleachers and removed their shirts, only to show that each had a letter on their chest proclaiming "F-A-L-C-O-N-S!" For Homecoming week, FSC was able to show our new president, Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach that we are proud of our college. All of the activities were successful, with student participation on an increase. In years to come, hopefully Homecoming will not change, but stay the fun festival that everyone at Fairmont State College is proud to be part of.

By: Molly Mathews



1995 Queen Nicole Germinario, 1996 Queen Amy Lienhardt, President Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Little Mr. FSC, and Little Miss FSC pose after the announcement of the new queen and maid-of-honor. The queen was chosen by voting and the Little Mr. and Miss by the Non-Traditional Student Society.

Jason McGraw conquered the velcro maze, part of Student Government's annual welcome back picnic held September 20 in Colebank Gymnasium. This is the beginning of the events that they sponsor during the year.



Free Time Fun

All Work and No Play

At Fairmont State College there are many different ways a student can have fun. Fun is defined differently for different people. The students consider anything from staying home and watching TV to going out to dance and party. Jessica Skaggs, a sophomore said, "It depends, I might stay around the house and read a book or I'll go out with my friends. Some students even spend time with their parents and family. "Sometimes I'll go to the movies or to visit my mom," said junior Larry Miles. Bars and bands usually highlight the weekend for those who stay in town. Junior Mark Ziegler states, "On Saturday nights I'll go to Rhapsody's to watch the live bands perform." Sometimes students have hectic schedules like Todd Utt. "Right now my weekends are busy, especially Saturdays because I play football for FSC." Students even work, assuring something to do. There are the popular TV watchers, sports lovers, bars, bands, and movie goers. However some students often use their weekends to rest or work. But, whatever the case may be, students always find time to do their favorite activities on the weekends.

By: Duke Dodd

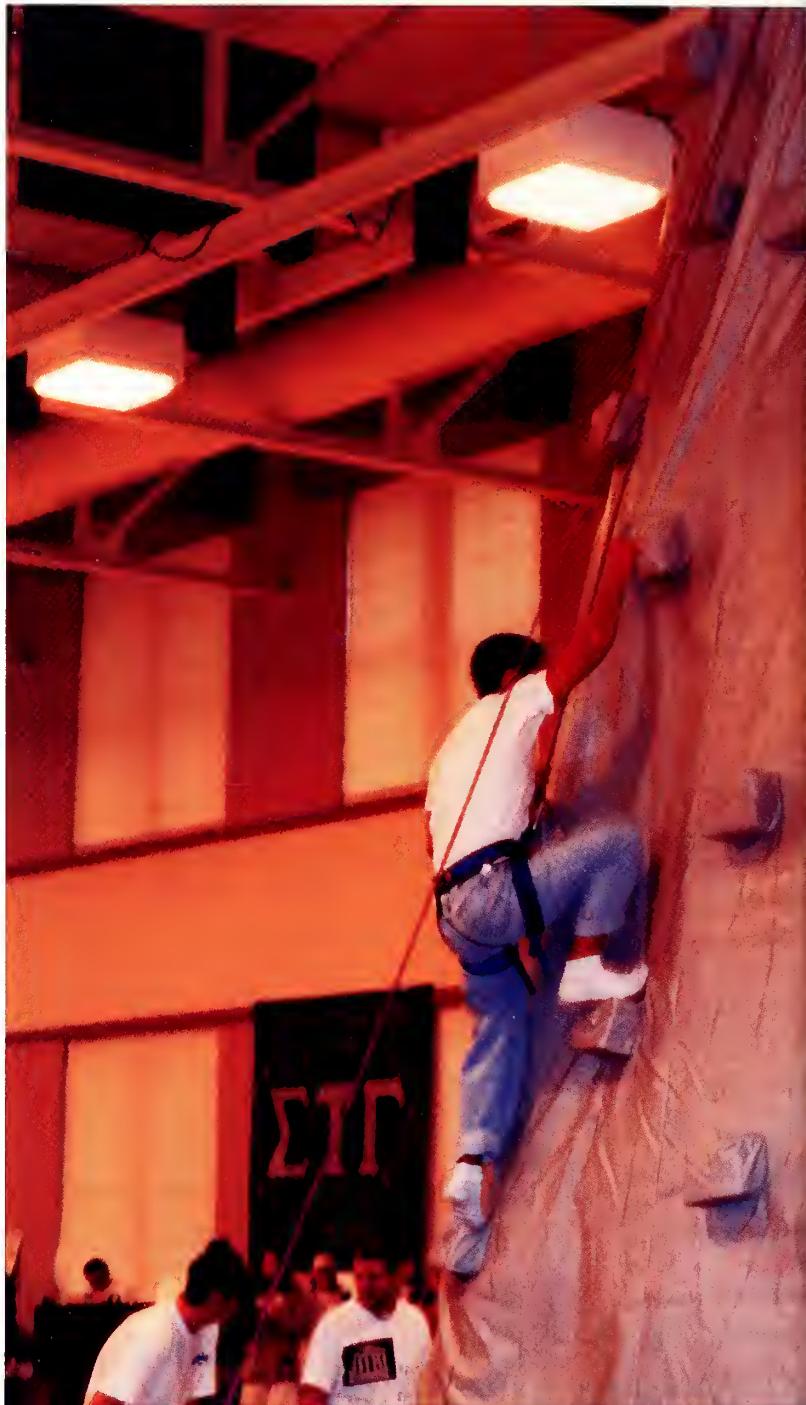


Table tennis is very popular to students trying to squander time to spend with friends. In the Nickel, these games are free, but your student ID is kept until you take the equipment back.

After a home rugby game, some members of Intramurals decided to start a barefoot game of flag football. Tau Kappa Epsilon played against a group of students who called themselves Group 1. Anyone can play Intramurals, if they are willing to play rough.





During Rush Week, activities were held by fraternities and sororities to familiarize students with them. Mountain climbing was one of the games and activities that the Greeks held.

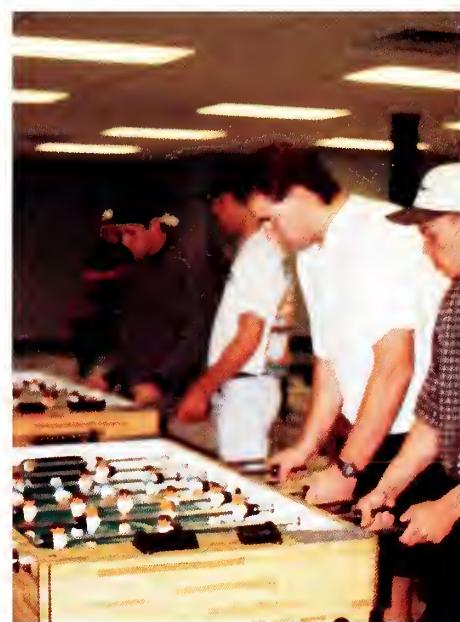


A friendly game of Twister can turn a rather quiet night in Morrow Hall into a raging party. Dorms feature games, movies, and other activities so if students aren't studying, they won't be bored.

Minnesota Fats watch out. With as much pool as some students play in the Nickel and the dorms, one day they may become famous. Pool is one of the most popular time wasters for most students.



It is another typical day at FSC in the Nickel. A favorite hang out for students in between, after, and before grueling classes. Fozzball is one of many Nickel games.



Q: What, besides homework, do you do on the weekends and free time for fun?

"Play Nintendo, or go out with friends, if there is something ultimately interesting

Fashions and Fads

What is in Today is Out Tomorrow

What's in? What's out? Just as the seasons change, so do styles in clothes. FSC students have many ideas about what is hot and what is not. "Around here, it's anything that suits you," said Heather Anderson. Jeans and polo/rugby shirts are what Chris Barto and Melissa Bragg think look stylish now. Kilie Bragg feels, "I think mostly the grunge look is in," while Cynthia Pasquariello thinks, "Probably the alternative look with people wearing baggy jeans and stuff from thrift shops." For some students it doesn't matter. "It depends on my mood. I'll wear sweats, flannel, or sometimes I'll dress preppy," said Kim Hendershot. Dana Longwell says, "I just wake up and put something on that is lying on my floor." What is in style may not be the popular opinion. Or as Jodie Mason says, "Cow prints are supposed to be the "IN" thing right now."

By: Tara Stemple

Q: To you, what are the latest styles worn by students on campus?

A: "Students really don't dress one way or another. No one style dominates. It seems to be anything comfortable is in."

-Tricia Haught

Whether it's winter, spring, summer, or fall, FSC students are always sporting a new style of sunglasses. Soho and John Lennon styles are ever popular as shown by Mark Zeigler. In the summer the sand can make the sun brighter, and on the ski slopes they keep the glare down from the snow.



Corduroy jackets not only make a fashion statement, but also keep the cold air from chilling one to their bones.

Thermal material has become very popular within the last few years. This paired with sweat pants, T-shirt, and bead necklaces have been made to say that people are no longer really concerned with fashion, but with being comfortable.





Tattoos aren't just for military men anymore, now they are a form of self-expression. Arms, legs, and hips are popular spots to see a tattoo. Any part of the body can be tattooed, including around toes, behind the ears, and private parts.

Ball caps, Nike shoes, flannel, Kahkis, T-shirts make for security blankets for many FSC students. These essentielbelongings can make a tiring day more calming, by being so comfortable.



Everyone wants to be a fashion model. These three Morrow Hall residents each tell what their style is. Midriffs, mini skirts, and the ever popular jeans, are stylish for those who like to dress in the latest.

JP Miller harmonizes and vocalizes at the variety show on August 18. His rendition of Bette Midler's "Wind Beneath My Wings" rang throughout Colebank Hall, overwhelming the crowd.



Q: Do you think orientation is helpful to students?

A: "Maybe it is for students who will be living on campus, but for me, being from Fairmont, I wasn't helped very much."

-Rachel Heldreth

Counselors perform in their traditional variety show, at the closing of all orientation activities.



A New Beginning

Counselors Helping You to Get Started

Toga, toga, toga! New Student Orientation Counselors danced during camp at Jackson's Mill. A stress reliever, from the endless meetings during daylight hours, the "Dance of the Togas" is a counselor tradition.



Oprah wasn't in town so Shane Grady took her place during the variety show. The talk show tried to break shy students out of their protective shells.

Lack of sleep, constant running around, doing whatever is asked, and identical T-shirts. Who are these people? This group of 130 volunteering students, who come together and help incoming students every fall, are the New Student Orientation Counselors. To become a counselor, a resume and application is filled out, then an interview by Michael Belmear. If chosen, you attend training camp at Jackson's Mill. After camp, it is time to welcome the students, thus beginning Orientation; three days of fun, laughter, eating, meeting, and moving. After relocating students into the dorms, a picnic is held, they are shown their classes, and how silly upper classmen can be during a variety show, starring counselors. The last day is for classroom activities and preparing for the classes themselves. Like big brothers and sisters, counselors are really one big family!

By Holly Devins



New Student Orientation Counselors take time out of training at camp to pose for a group shot. The last night at Jackson's Mill, the counselors break out their ceremonial togas.

In 1995 the Nickel went under the knife for a whole new face-lift. Finally when the bandages were removed they showed a full Burger King, deli, salad bar, and daily specials. This year a fire put the cafeteria out of commission, turning students to the make-shift cafeteria in the Turley Center Ballroom.

Hunt Haught Hall was improved with new fiber optic cables, therefore giving reason for a new sidewalk and entrance. This was just one of two major improvements on campus.



Many students were very put out due to all renovations on campus. The main parking lot was sometimes filled with large construction equipment like backhoes.



Changing our Look

Changes for a New and Improved Fairmont State

Change is good. Nothing grows without change. This year many renovations were in progress; we welcomed a new president, and a fire closed the cafeteria. FSC has definitely changed from the first days of being just a teacher's college. There have been many changes throughout the years. Former student, Sue Mathews said, "Freshmen have it so much easier than I did. In 1965 when I was a freshman, we had to wear an FSC, beanie until the first home football game." Other changes have been made to the Turley Center, the Nickel, the Education Building was constructed, the Internet added, classes and majors revised, and the campus in general is different. These changes show FSC's vast history. This history is shown through buildings, documents, students, and those who knew it when.

By: Angel Hill

Wallman Hall was under renovations, to construct a new road and parking lot. This road is going to close the road between the library and Wallman.

Inner Campus Improvements. FSC made changes to the roads and sidewalks of two buildings, which have been in the works for years.

Q: Do you think the renovations to Wallman Hall will be beneficial in the long run?

A: "I don't see how it will possibly benefit us. It's already hard enough to get onto campus."

-Suncirae Byrd

Tony Hostutler, President of the American Chemical Society, conducted chemical reactions in the ballroom for other organizations and students. This group won third place for its efforts.



Adelina Saldiva, a member of International Relation Society, talked to students about her home in Venezuela. International students help make up about the student population.



People could play with kittens, rats, and guinea pigs throughout the Vet Tech display. This is a fairly new program that was added only a few years ago.

Charlie Endicott, Director of Career Services, was arrested and put into the jail by the Criminal Justice Society. They sponsored a jail that people could pay to arrest someone and after a fair amount of time, the jailbird could pay to be released. This was a very clever way to raise money for their club.

Keeping Active

FSC Students Show Off their Clubs and Organizations



Displaying surgical instruments and x-rays, the Student Veterinary Technical Association won first place at the Activities Fair on October 2.



How do you know a certain organization is the right one for you? Sure, you can read about it or you can hear from other people, but you never really know. Well, FSC came up with a way to allow students to find out about the organizations on campus...the Activities fair held in the Turley Center Ballroom, on October 2. Many campus organizations set up tables and displays. At these displays, members answered questions, gave out information, had drawings, and even a birthday party. The American Chemistry Society demonstrated different chemical reactions. The Creative Arts Organization for Students was set up along with Masquers. The Student Veterinary Technology Association won by their booth featuring baby mice, guinea pigs, rats, and kittens that many were free to pet, play with, and adopt. Each year these organizations prepare many hours for the fair. Held near homecoming week, it also allows them to show school spirit, and to promote their candidate. This fair is a great way for organizations to promote themselves to new students in order to increase membership and make their organization more widely known. With the help from the fair, everyone can find a place where they belong.

By: Molly Mathews

Q: Do you think that the Activities Fair is a good way for people to learn about other organizations?

A: "I think it should have been more widely advertised. It needed to be all day to accommodate students who couldn't attend."

-Matthew Trout

Behind the Scenes

The Theater Life

The Theatre department usually has two major plays and several student directed one-acts which are senior projects. They produced an original opera called the Unicorn Weeps. This was the first opera to be performed at Fairmont State College. It was written by the FSC faculty members, Dr. George Byers and music by Alice Moerk. The cast was made up of students, community members and alumni. The music was played by a 12 member orchestra conducted by John Ashton. The director was Daniel K. Weber. Soon auditions will be held for The Horrors of Dr. Moreau. This is Joel Stone's adoption of H.G. Wells' Novel- The Island of Dr. Moreau. This play was being directed by Randy Rittenhouse, a member of the FSC Theatre faculty. As in all of the Theatre Department's productions, they will cast anyone. You don't have to be a drama major or a member of Mawsquers. Anyone can audition. The Backyard Theatre Company, a newly formed community theatre group, is working on their second production. They performed Winnie-the-Pooh at the Lerner's store at the Middletown Mall. This was the same place they performed their first production.

Several actresses, from the opera Unicorn Weeps, look out into the audience with the look of confidence on their faces. These ladies spend a great deal of time on stage and at rehearsals perfecting their performance.



The Unicorn Weeps brought out many actors and actresses for the lead roles. These two performers were the ones that were honored with the challenge. As they hold each other, they act with poise and confidence.



These two actors of the Unicorn Weeps play their roles with out a second thought. Knowing your part well and being able to preform well to the audience, is only a few of the talents a good actor should have.



The first opera put on at FSC brought out many students and people from the public. The Unicorn Weeps is symbolized by the Unicorn head that hangs over the actors. These students put many hours of hard work into this production.

During one of the performances of Shakspere Lives these actors put on the performance of a life time. With this many student preforming on one stage there has to be a great deal of respect of each other, as these actors fortunately have.

During the production of Shakspere Lives the actors set in the spot light, hoping to do the best they ever did. There actors could not make it with out the lights, sets, and costumes that put everything together.

The Fairmont State College bell sets in the middle of the trees separating FSC from Bryant St. Painting this bell with Greek letters and organizations logo has been a tradition on campus for many years

The bell is known on the campus of FSC as a sign of a tradition and pride in your organization and in your school. In the 1960 two FSC student are proud of there painting of the bell. This proves that traditions keep going years after year.



The homecoming queen for 1996 congratulates the homecoming queen 1997. 1997 is just another year that the traditions lives on with the events that make up homecoming at FSC. This is one week during the year that we aren't just college students, we are students at FSC.

Homecoming has been a tradition on the campus of FSC for many years. The homecoming queen is just one of the traditions that goes along with homecoming. Becoming the homecoming queen can be very exciting for the lady that is chosen and her organization.



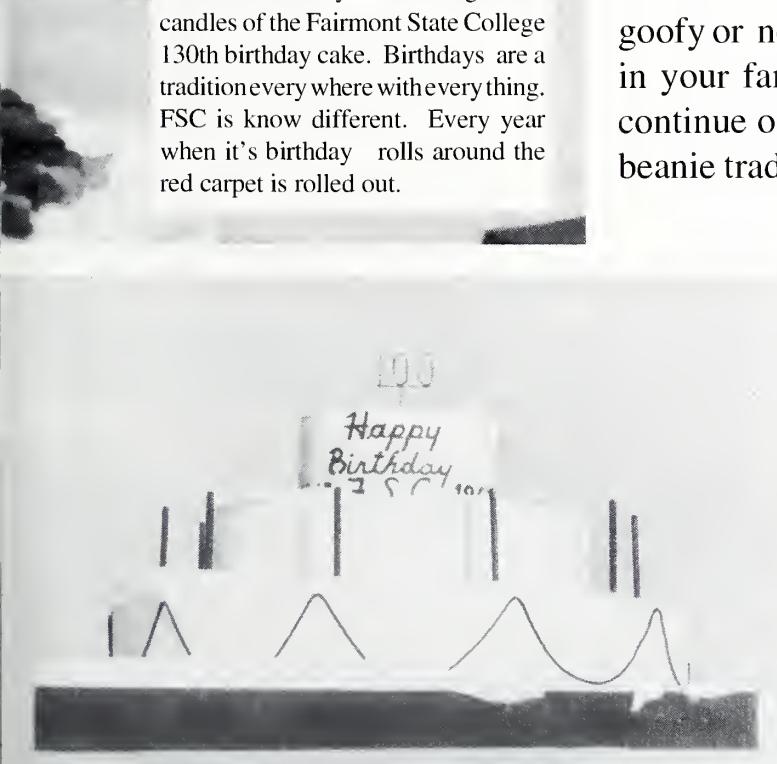


Year after Year

Past and Present Traditions

Has your family gotten together at the same park, the same pavilion, with the same food given away the same prizes, on the same day since the beginning of time? That my friend is a tradition. If whatever you do has been done over and over for many it is traditional. Since Fairmont State College celebrate its first day, there have been many traditions. The Freshman beanie hats wore until Homecoming, the painting of the bell, Homecoming the birthday celebration, rush week, freshmen orientation, graduation all seem to be a few Fairmont State Traditions. Though some traditions have either changed or been phased out, because no freshman wears a beanie until Homecoming anymore, most have been kept intact. At night student security may find members of fraternities, sororities, and organizations with their colors painting the bell with Greek letters, abbreviations, and group symbols. However, the next evening another group could be painting over it. Also years ago it was traditions for women had to wear pants. To be a real lady, a woman had to wear a skirt or a dress. "Thanks goodness that is one tradition that we've gotten rid of. I'd go nuts if I had to wear a skirt all the time," said Janet Layne. Whether goofy or not Fairmont State has its traditions. Just like in your family its your job to keep them going. So continue over college's traditions and who knows the beanie tradition could be brought back with your help.

President Dudley-Eshbach lights the candles of the Fairmont State College 130th birthday cake. Birthdays are a tradition every where with everything. FSC is know different. Every year when it's birthday rolls around the red carpet is rolled out.



The 100th birthday of Fairmont State College was celebrated with a huge birthday cake in front of the library 30 years ago. Each and every year a birthday cake is made, in some shape or form, so that every one can join in on the fun and excitement.

Planning New Adventures

Fall Graduation; Future Roads

The morning of December 14 students awoke, dressed, and proceeded to the Feaster Center. Promptly at 10:00 am the ceremony of the Fairmont State College Winter Graduation Commencement began. This ceremony included a senior address from Cloford Trump, Chancellor of the West Virginia College System. According to the Registrars Office Chancellor Trump spoke to over 300 seniors. This marked President Janet Dudley-Eshbach's first ever graduation ceremony at Fairmont State College. "It was great to hear President Dudley-Eshbach first senior address. She's a very impressive speaker," said one graduating senior. The air was filled with exciting changes for the graduates; they either had to face the job market, starting a family , or going to graduate school. After all the speakers were finished, the presentation of degree candidates and the confirming of these degrees, the graduates passed across the stage and received their diploma covers. Then finally after a patient wait by graduates, they made their way from the Feaster Center out into the hall way to search for friends and family and make their change from Fairmont State College student to a Fairmont State College alumni. To them a great, deserving, and glorious change.



FSC students come in all shapes, size, sex, and age. These seven students stand as they get ready to receive their diplomas. These students don't see the difference, they are all FSC graduates.

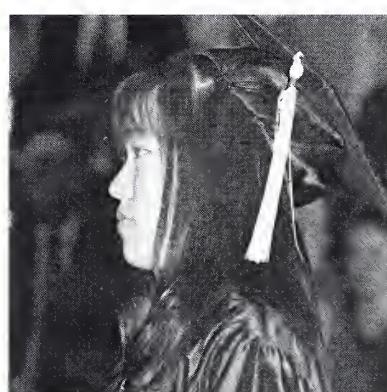
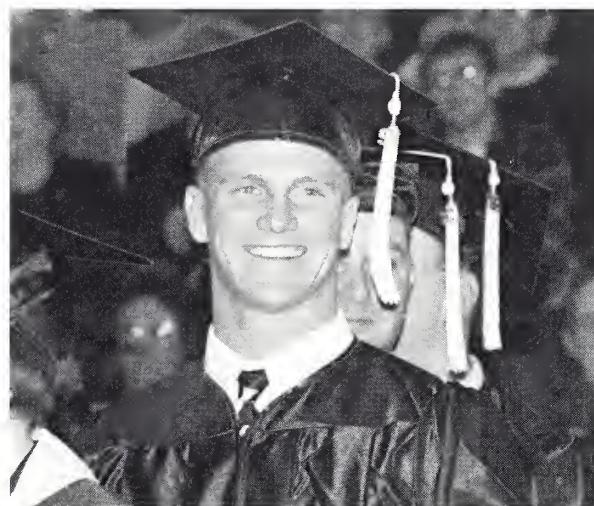
Monica Hines proudly walks in the gym waiting patiently to become a FSC graduate. The anticipation of your college year being over can put a smile on any ones face.





During the December graduation a TBI fraternity brother stands and waits for the long walk in to the gym for the graduation ceremony. As his eyes point up in deep thought he realizes the challenge that he is about to embark on.

One graduate points when he noticed his friends and family as he walks in to the gym. The smile on his face shows that he is happy to be making his final walk across the gym floor as a FSC student.



President Dudley-Eshbach and Jeffrey Poland stand outside of the gym planning out the ceremony. Planning what to say that will leave a mark in the minds of each graduate, can take much time and planning.

As Junko, a December graduate, walks in line up to the podium, she looks on in deep concentration. Most graduates are concerned about the future or look forward to the future.



Excitement fills the face of one graduate as she walks in to the Feaster Center to receive her diploma. A graduate goes through every human emotion the day they put on that cap and gown.

Shane Grady, President of Student Government, walks briskly to his seat for the ceremony. Shane is only one of the graduates that come to their seats as FSC students and greets the world as FSC graduates.



As Jason Balko receives his diplomas he shakes the hand of the President as if to say thank you. With this piece of paper everyone will know that dedication and hard work is a strong point of this person.



These FSC students, soon to be graduates, sit listening to the advice of the administrators that helped them through their years at FSC. Some students graduate in two or four years, and some take longer, but they all need these administrators to help get them to this day.

Three FSC graduates look forward in the crowd of their friends and families. These students, along with every graduate, show the excitement and expectations of the future.





During Spring Graduation in the Feaster Center, President Dudley-Eshbach stands at the podium to give the graduates their message of hope and luck for the future. Behind her sits the Vice-Presidents and the division heads to help the President with the graduation ceremony.



Dr. Jeffery Poland walks in across the gym floor to start the Spring Graduation ceremony. With the start of this ceremony emotions were high and full of mix emotions. Some students are happy to be finished and some are sad to leave.

Last for the Year

Spring Graduation: It's Over

Promptly at 10:00 am on May 10, 1997 John Aston directed the Student Brass Quintet as they played the processional and approximately 376 students marched into the Feaster Center for the 126th Spring Graduation commencements. As students took their seat President Janet Dudley-Eshbach presided over the ceremony. The invocation was given by Revran Richard Bouyer and "Clouds" was sung by Bill Hostutter. This year graduates were honored to hear Terry Anderson, former Mideast hostage tell of his ordeal and speak of the importance of learning all you can, for the commencement address. Next Arline Thorn, OhD. and Michael Oliverio gave greetings. Finally the moment of truth arrived and after the presentations of degree and the confirmation of them by President Dudly-Eshbach each graduate walked across the stage and received their diploma cover. A letter inside informed them that diplomas were to be mailed in June. After Shane Grady gave the class of 1997's message, W. David Robert gave his greetings, and Dr. Dudly-Eshbach gave her personal message to the class, the audience and graduates stood tall for the singing of the alma mater. The graduates then left the Feaster Center by the sound of the Student Brass Quintet playing "Cavzona." They then met friends and family in the hallway or made their way down to the reception in the Turly Center Ballroom. One thing that hasn't changed at graduation is both the sense of sadness and happiness. Either way graduating is a cause to rejoice.



Bigger Headlines

Campus News

Mostly every Monday the FSC newspaper, "The Columns" sits in the newsstands eager to be picked up and looked at by those desiring campus news. Our new president, Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach, student government elections and other special activities, like the yearly performance of the Wheeling Symphony, Alcohol Awareness Week, the Presidential Inauguration, comedians, and guest speakers are just a few of the goings-on that made the front page of the publication. The stories change year after year and what was big news last year may seem like small potatoes in comparison. Whatever story, whatever year, each seems to change by having **"Bigger Headlines."**

With enthusiasm, Maestra Rachel Worby conducts the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra throughout their performance at Fairmont State College's Colebank Hall. The symphony visits FSC at least twice a year.

A Touch Of Class

The Wheeling Symphony Orchestra

Ah, remember the days of dancing to the big band led by your old pal Glenn Miller and taking the "A" train all for the war effort? Those who do were on hand Oct 9 to experience Big Band favorites of the 30's and 40's when Maestra Rachel Worby and the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra featured saxophonist Torry Elgart as they performed "In the Mood." Elgart played with such bands as Tommy Dorsey, Woody Herman, and Jack Journey. In 1952 he and his brother formed their own orchestra, recorded "Sophisticated Swing" and became America's number one college and prom favorite. In 1959 the band won an award in the first year of the NARAS Awards. He has recorded three volumes of "Hooked on Swing" and a 53rd album, "Latin Obsession." In 1992 he performed at the Prime Minister's Olympic Ball in Melbourne which raised over one million dollars to send Australian athletes to the Barcelona games. Mr. Elgart certainly has earned the title of Ambassador of Sury. For the 16th time at FSC the Wheeling Symphony appeared before students and the community of Fairmont in Colebank Hall. Lead by Maestra Rachel Worby, conductor and music director, the symphony presented a concert entitled "Amadeus Greatest Hits." Performing with the orchestra was featured pianist Mari Kodama, native of Osaka, Japan. She made her debut at age 17 and has since established an international reputation. The symphony, formed in 1929 by Eleanor Caldwell, will perform 40 concerts throughout WV. Worby has been the conductor since 1986. Let's all hope that with all the changes at FSC, one thing that won't, are the visits from the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra and Maestra Rachel Worby.

By: Molly Mathews





One cellist's eyes are open wide as he watches the conductor and reads his music with ease and precision. The music selection that was played was from the big band favorites of the 30's and the 40's.

As Maestra Rachel Worby conducts to her right on a strong down beat, the members watch her diligently for the next move. The conductor of bands, symphonies, and orchestras leads groups in tempo and to the next note.



Maestra Rachel Worby stands before her orchestra to introduce them to the FSC students and the Fairmont community. The students and community gave a big welcome to Ms. Worby, the orchestra, and their music, for all of the hard work put into performing.



One of the candidates stops to converse with one of the students as she walks by. The candidates wanted to let everyone know how they planned to help FSC and what changes they wanted to make.

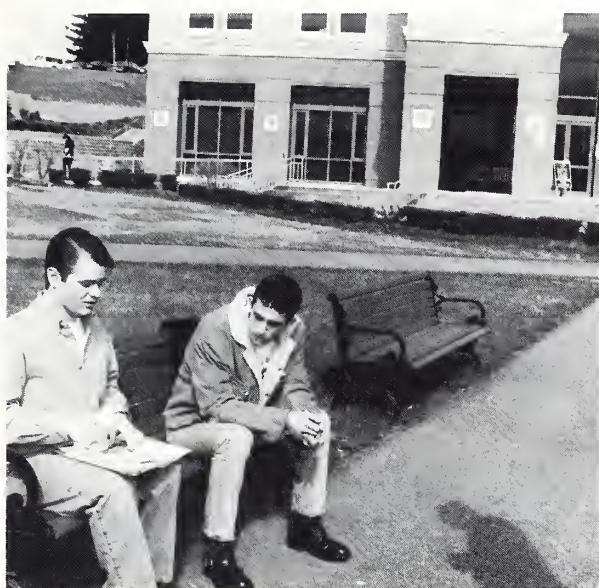


New Student Government officers for 1997-1998. Jennifer Knight, vice president; Melissa Baker, president; J.P. Miller, treasurer; and Shelby Sandefur, secretary.

Running for treasurer and vice-president, Keith Thompson and Jennifer Richards show off their smiles outside of the Education Building while they encourage the voters to vote for them.



Treasurer candidate J.P. Miller sits and talks to a student about his issues and promises. When he had a personal conversation with a student that showed them that the candidates do care.



Presidential candidate Melanie Krupinski smiles as she hands out fliers to the students. She hoped it would persuade them to vote for her, unfortunately for her, she was not voted president.

The Votes Are In...

The "Other" Female President

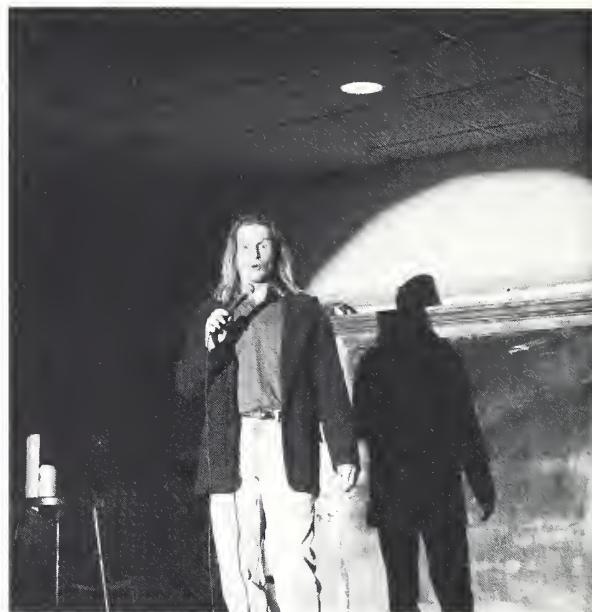
A woman president at Fairmont State College. Who knew it would lead to a woman as the student government president? The race began with sophomore Melissa Baker and senior Melanie Krupinski running for president, Jennifer Knight and Jennifer Richards for vice president, Shelby Sandefur for secretary, and Keith Thompson and J.P. Miller for treasurer. After the candidates were announced all students were welcomed to the presidential debate, Tuesday March 18 at 12:30 in the LRC Multi Media A. Each candidate had 5 minutes to answer questions from Kerri DeVault and Tracy Toler, the election committee. Some terms that came up were a 24 hour computer lab and a dead week, which is no test or assignments the week before finals. Also during this week Jennifer Richards declined her nomination for vice president and asked students to write-in her name for president. Keith Thompson also declined his treasurer nomination for a write-in for Vice President. Student elections were held March 24 and 25 and the president changed from Shane Grady to Melissa Baker; Jess Amick to Jennifer Knight for vice president; J.P. Miller became treasurer; and Jennifer Knight to Shelby Sanderfur for secretary. This is one thing that will forever change at Fairmont State College for years to come.

By: Molly Mathews

A Thousand Laughs

The Comedians at Fairmont State College

Yucking it up, giggling, chuckling, chortling, snickering, cackling, tittering, and splitting your sides all describe what can be accomplished at Fairmont State College when the campus is visited by those who have made a career out of making people practically wet themselves. The first visitor was comedian Rene Hicks, who made her second appearance at Fairmont State College Blue Room in the Turley Center. Besides being on numerous comedy shows, she has been seen on "Hangin' with Mr. Cooper" and she was named the 1995 NACA Comedian of the Year. Whereas Rene Hicks made us laugh at ourselves and opinions, comedian Michael Winslow kicked off Homecoming Week by amusing us with his many voices, imitations, and jokes about Fairmont State's newspaper, "The Columns." Perhaps Winslow is better known for his work in all the "Police Academy" movies and "Spaceballs." However, when you get the giggles from someone they don't necessarily have to be a professional comedian. They could be a friend, family member, professor, or the person sitting next to you in class. These comedians can certainly change your foul mood into one where you can't get the grin from your face with a sand blaster. **By: Molly Mathews**



During the Inauguration, comedy night, one of the comedians uses his face for expressions. Expressions are a big part of a comedians act, they bring more meaning to their words.

Using a military uniform, a comedian pokes fun at those in the military. "Boot Camp" is often the butt of many jokes. The yelling and saying "Sir" after every word could be funny to those not in the military.



Using a flight helmet, goggles, and a scarf helps this comedian put more emphasis on his airplane act. Costumes have become one way that one can identify a comedian, without knowing his name.



Getting tackled by his fake opponent, this comedian made use of a prop and his own arms. Props are a great way to get the audience into an act, not to mention one of the most popular.



One comedian that visited the Fairmont State campus gives insight into his life. People's lives and shared experiences are used very commonly in acts.



“I Won, I Won”

Casino Night at FSC

Black jack 21, craps, and roulette wheels: not something usually found on a campus, not even in Las Vegas or Reno. However, on the night of Thursday, November 21, 1996 the Turley Center Ballroom was turned into a casino/karaoke bar. This three hour event was held during Sexuality Week, titled “Don’t Gamble with Your Life.” Everyone from students to faculty and staff were invited to join in this event. This event was set up so those who attended were given play money to play the games with. Then when they were finished gambling they went into the Blue Room adjacent to the Ballroom and bet on prizes that could be bought with the play money. In this room one could also join the karaoke sing. This night was just one of the many activities of the week to make students, faculty, and staff more familiar with their own self and sexuality. Also throughout the week there were booths, seminars, speaker Dwane Crumb, Twin Day, and AIDS ribbons were distributed. This week of activities was just one of Fairmont State College’s special weeks. Each year it changes with new hope that those who attended learned not to gamble with their lives.

By: Molly Mathews

One student pulls the handle of a slot machine in hopes that the fruit matches so that she can fill her cup with more money. Gambling was not all they experienced. Karaoke was set up for the non-gamblers to enjoy.

Shelby Sandefur helps the dealer at the Blackjack table. These students waited in line to play one-on-one with the dealer. The more money these students won, the more they had to bid on the prizes at the end.



Jason McGraw manages the roulette table as two TKE brothers play along. “Don’t Gamble with Your Life” was the theme of this event. Casino Night was only one of the five events for Sexuality Week.



One student deals cards to those gamblers at black jack during Casino Night in the ballroom. Students had the opportunity to play cards, craps, slot machines, and bid on special prizes.

Melanie Krupinski fills cups with play money so students can pick them up as they walk in the door of the mock Casino. Students, faculty and staff were invited to participate in Sexuality Week by gambling for fun now and not with your life later.



Lightly Toasted

Kitchen Fire in FSC Cafeteria

How do you like your dining hall, well done or extra crispy? All kidding aside, a fire is a serious thing. On October 10, 1996 Fire Chief David Wimer and the other members of the Fairmont Fire Department arrived at Fairmont State's dining hall to put out a fire. The fire was caused by a pan of chicken grease left unattended. Wimer said by the time the firefighters found the blaze it was "self-extinguished". Physical Plant manager, Charles Turbanic mentioned, besides much smoke damage, "all foodstuff was ruined and will have to be replaced". Also along with replacing the ceiling grid work, vents, and ducts, repainting the walls and the hood and ducts in the stove will be replaced and upgraded to the current fire standards. While these repairs were being made, a makeshift dining hall was set up in the Turley Center ballroom. Therefore those students who stayed on campus during the Thanksgiving holiday had their bird feast in a place where formals and other functions are held. Students finally got their dining hall back during the spring and one of Fairmont State College's main inconveniences was over. So the answer to the question of how one likes their dining hall should be only one way, and that is the way it always has been...well done.

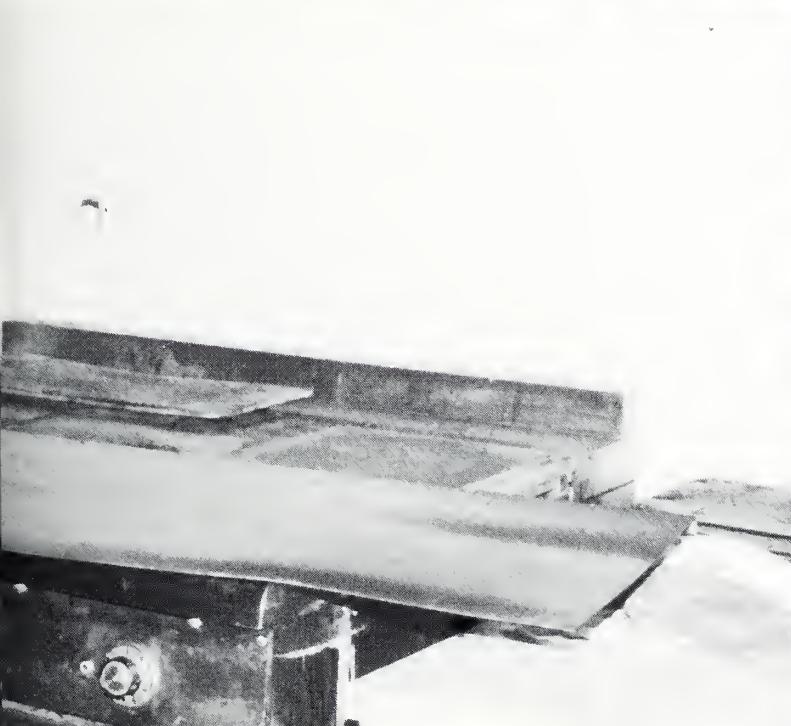
By: Molly Mathews





After the fire in the kitchen, these two repair workers try to fix the light fixtures that were damaged by the smoke. There was a lot of work that went into replacing ceiling tiles, grid-work, vents, and ducts to get the kitchen back in order.

On October 10th between 2:00 am and 8:00 am a fire broke out on the stove, in the kitchen of the dining hall. To help prevent this from happening again the hoods and ducts were replaced after the fire.

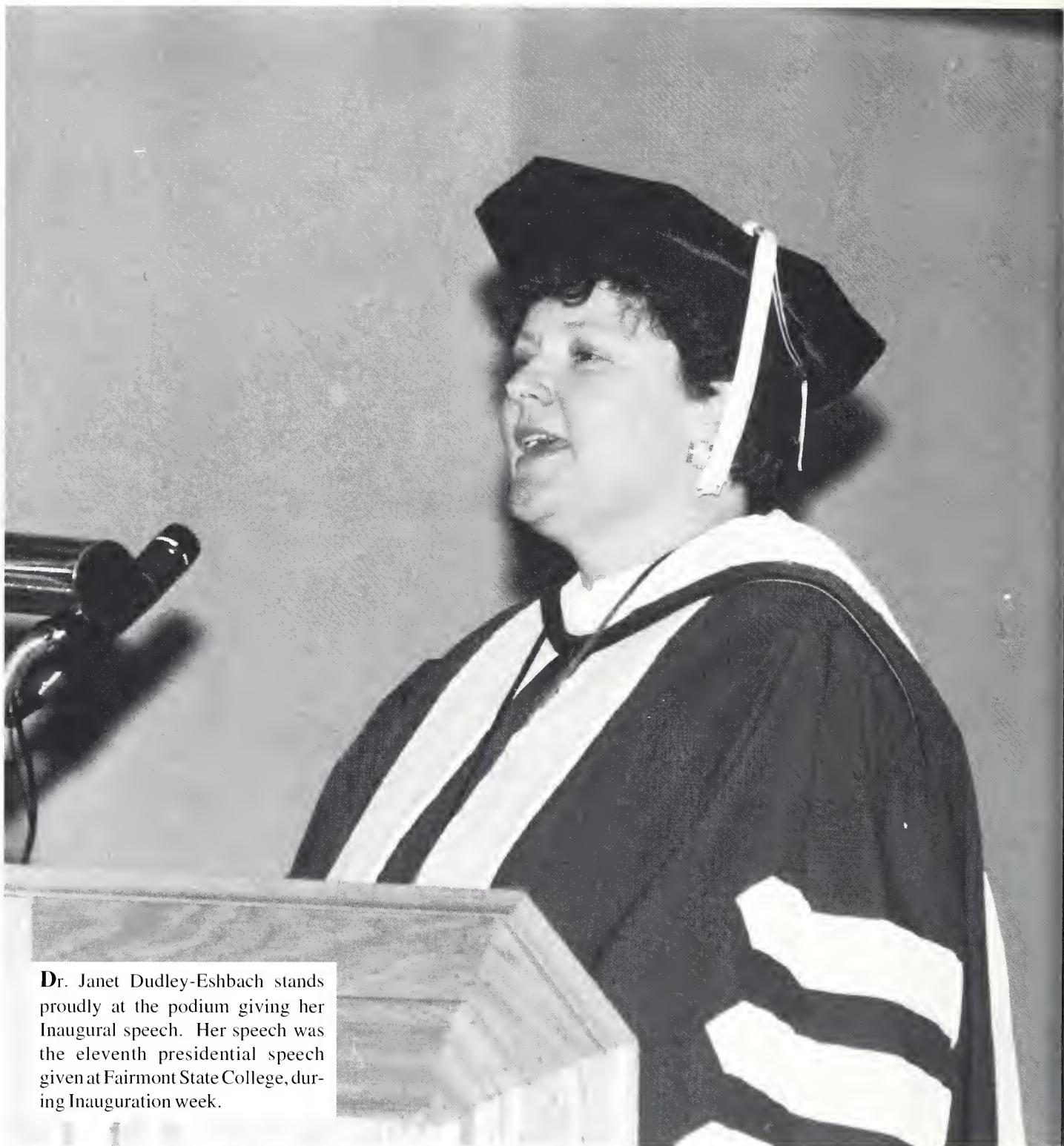


A pan of chicken grease was left unattended and started a fire in the kitchen of the dining hall. This fire was self extinguished when the fire fighters arrived on the scene at Fairmont State College.



Workers from the physical plant and the kitchen staff worked around the clock to put the kitchen back in working order. The kitchen and dining hall being closed was a real damper on all students.

As the workers walk through the burnt kitchen, they notice all damage that the fire left behind. The kitchen of the dining hall suffered a lot of smoke damage to the walls and the ceiling.



Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach stands proudly at the podium giving her Inaugural speech. Her speech was the eleventh presidential speech given at Fairmont State College, during Inauguration week.



During the Inauguration ceremony, Dr. Dudley-Eshbach's friends and family look on as she gives her speech. Close to 600 people were attendance to see the President sworn in by Chancellor Clifford Trump.

Several FSC students enjoy the food at the picnic during Inauguration Week. The week was filled with activities for the students and the community members. The week was also a hit for the president and her family.



The soon-to-be inaugurated president shows off her percussion skills at the Inaugural Picnic. The picnic was held at Rosier Field and over 400 students, faculty, staff, and community members were in attendance.



President Dudley-Eshbach stands on the stage at Rosier Field, in front of students, faculty, staff, friends, and family to welcome everyone to the picnic. The picnic brought out about 400 people to celebrate the Inauguration.

The Official Welcome

Inauguration of the New President

Presidential Inauguration. No it wasn't for President Clinton but for Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach. As the eleventh president Fairmont State College, Dr. Dudley-Eshbach attended many events during the week of her inauguration. A symphony concert, presidential lecture, picnic, and the Inaugural Ball. Then on April 13, in Colebank Hall, Dr. Dean Peters presided over the Inaugural ceremony for such guests as Father Jude Molnar, Shane Grady, Allen Colebank, Russell Salmon. The formal investiture, the oath of office, and the presentation of the presidential medallion were completed by Chancellor Clifford M. Trump, from the State College System. The ceremony concluded with a speech by President Dudley-Eshbach. Dr. Dudley-Eshbach was quoted in saying "... in a world that is growing smaller and becoming increasingly integrated through technology, my plans for Fairmont State College include a renewed commitment to the liberal arts and sciences, greater emphasis on globalization, multiculturalism, and diversity issues, and the College's integration into the larger community. The cornerstones of my presidency will be student-centeredness, high standards, and service to north central West Virginia and the state." After the inaugural ceremony guests were welcomed to a reception at Westchester Village in honor of the historic date of Sunday, April 13, 1997 as Dr. Janet Dudley Eshbach changed Fairmont State College's history and become its first female president in its 130 years.

By: Molly Mathews

Literature, Art, Music

The Kestrel Conference

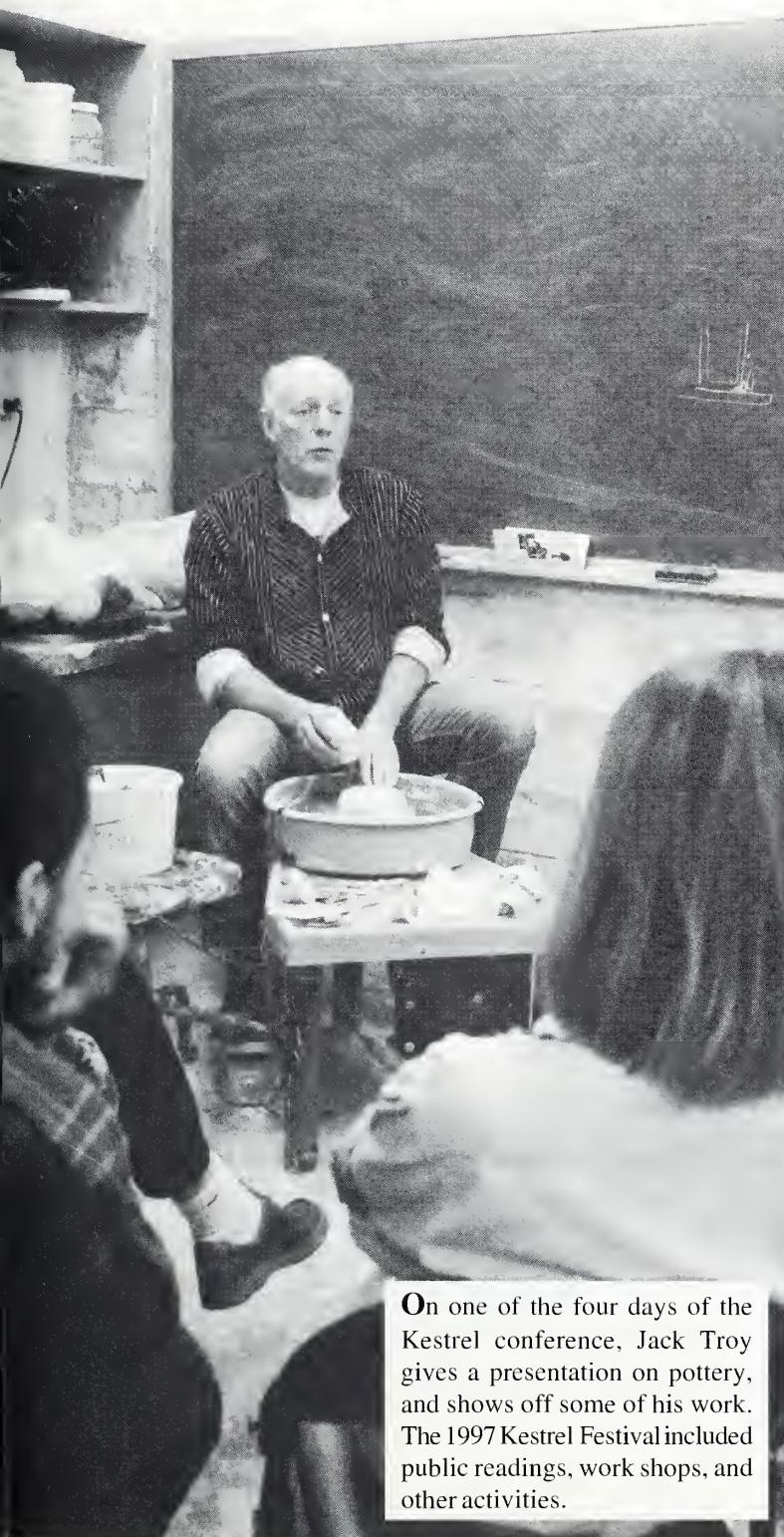
The fifth annual Kestrel Art and Literary Festival was held March 22 not only on Fairmont State's campus but throughout the community. This festival began in 1993 to create access for writers outside of the West Virginia region and for West Virginia to teach other cultures by way of "living literature, art, and music." For four days on the Fairmont State College campus, the Marion County Public Library, and High Gate Carriage House, public readings, workshops, and other activities took place, featuring Hilary Masters, Lisa Coffman, David McKain, Maggie Sanone, Anthony Cohen, Kack Troy, Cheryl Ware, and Peter Zivkovic. The conference was named for the Kestrel literary journal published by Fairmont State Language and Literature department and founded at the department, the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts. All festival events were free to the public. Some events were three dinner/discussion meetings with artists, teachers, students, and community members. Though some of the artists return some are new and yet those returning bring new excitement, learning, art and culture.

By: Molly Mathews



John King and featured presenters enjoy discussing the events of the four days. These four days were filled with interesting art and literary presentations for the enjoyment of students and community members.

At one of the Kestrel benefit dinners, speakers, instructors, students, and faculty members socialize and have a good time. Kestrel presented eight speakers over the four days.



Cheryl Ware stands before a group to give her presentation for the 1997 Kestrel events. Kestrel is an annual event started in 1993 that offers a bridge between the best writers and artists in the state of West Virginia.



At the Kestrel Festival Jaime Crone and William Woolfitt stand at the podium talking about Whetstone and Kestrel. The festival is named for the literary journal, "Kestrel" published by the Division of Language and Literature at Fairmont State College.





Changing Faces

People

Every day at FSC you will find people walking across campus, studying on a bench, sitting in a classroom or just hanging out in the Nickel. This is what makes our campus different from the others, the people.

*L*ook at your family photo albums. Notice how you've changed. You may note that your mother had terrible taste in choosing your clothes for the annual school pictures, you were a very chubby toddler, your horrid pastel tuxedo with a ruffled shirt for your senior prom, the make up you wore during your rebellious phase, or your friends past and present. One element you should really notice on a person is there face. Even though you've grown, lost the baby fat, changed hair styles, or you found your style; you've still changed. You may even think you don't change from year to year, but as, you do. You even change from day to day. You aren't the same person you were when you went to bed last night. Take a look at those albums and your yearbooks from past school days and on your trip down memory lane remember one thing, the **"Changing Faces."**

Students to Teachers

They Came Back to Where They Came From

Sometimes while sitting in class, students think to themselves, "I can't wait to graduate. I'm never coming back to this place." Even though it's a good thought at the time, despite what some think there are many alumni who have come back to FSC. Speech Communication/Theater Major Daniel K. Weber credits Dr. Wallman, Dr. Musick, and Dr. Qunitell as a few of his teachers during his 1963 to 1967 years at FSC. Even though Speech, Debate, and other Communications teacher Mike Overking majored in Education from 1964 to 1967, he also has teaching fields in Physics, Chemistry, and Science. Mr. Overking has also coached the FSC debate team for three years. Local alumnus and 1966 to 1969 English and Social Studies major Dr. Judy Byers received her A.B. degree in Education and the Benedum Scholarship to teach. "I always wanted to teach. It just came naturally for me." Dr. John Conaway and Bobbi Dodd are two staff members and FSC alumni. Dr. Conaway, the Director of Admissions/ Assistant Registrar, received Bachelor degree in Art and Education. He also has Certification of Mathematics and General Science after attending FSC from 1959 to 1963. Mrs. Dodd attended FSC twice, first during 1964 to 1965, and then returned in 1967 to 1970 to major in accounting. She now works as the Senior Administrative Secretary for the Office of Economic Development. Therefore the next time you think that you'll never return to FSC, take a few minutes to talk to some of FSC's faculty and staff about their past experiences here. It may be interesting to discover how FSC has changed in the eyes of our illustrious alumni.

By: Duke Dodd & Molly Mathews

On the "A" List

Melissa Waybright is only one of the many students that formerly attended FSC. Melissa is a native of Fairmont and after graduation from North Marion High School in 1991 she began her studies at FSC in Graphic Communication Tech. She was a member of the GCA and a Student Publications Board member.

Melissa was the editor of the Mound for two years. The graphic classes at FSC lead her to a practicum/internship at NASA in 1995 which lead to a full time position as Director of Graphics Support at the NASA facilities for the RSPAC/BDM contract. While still working for NASA she was approached with the idea of teaching Layout and Design, and she could not say no. "I love teaching my classes. I'm not sure why, we just took to each other and learned. The students became my friends." Melissa shows that not everyone who graduates from FSC is gone forever. Sooner or later, they all come home.



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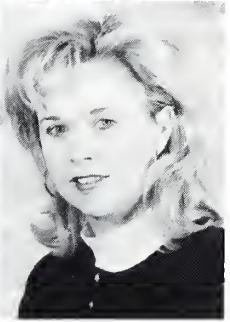
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Faculty and Staff

They Make You Who You Will Become

Sigh! Do you remember the days you sat in your classroom as a child, just staring at your favorite teacher, in awe? How about the one teacher that told you how wonderful your drawings were, pointing you towards your art career? Despite what you think, from your kindergarten days to your college days, your teachers are the ones who make you what you will become. "In my major, Criminal Justice, Dr. Burgess and Mr. Van Bibber are two that stand out in my mind. And even though Mr. Van Bibber felt he wasn't this usual good teaching self, he made the class interesting," said Angela Hurley. Even when you feel a teacher isn't up to your standards, that teacher still makes an impression on you. You still learn something, whether it be how to study for a hard test, how to be self efficient, or how not to be like that teacher. There are so many different teachers here at FSC. There are those that do 20 million things at once, and are still able to devote a good amount of time to their students. There are those that teach a bit, then allow their students to work by themselves or in groups. There are jobs at FSC. They are advisors, coaches, and friends. Everyone at FSC can be a teacher in his or her own way. Though our college started out as Fairmont Normal primarily for the education of teachers, it has grown to teach many different people about many different careers. It is those teachers who makes a student who they are. And, it is the teachers here at Fairmont State who allow and help us to become who we are today.

By: Molly Mathews

On the "A" List

Since 1982 Mr. Larry Lauffer has driven from Pennsylvania to spend his days in three rooms on the bottom floor of Wallman Hall. Mr. Lauffer received his bachelor and master degrees from the California University of Pennsylvania. He also has 30 hours credited towards his doctorate degree from Pitt and WVU.

Mr. Lauffer, Assistant Professor of Graphics, is most proud of the Graphics Technology Network and Intranet. "I believe it was the first microcomputer network on campus."

In the future he would like to get more interactive tutorials on the graphics intranet, more work stations, and more internet presence. "It's a lot of work (being an advisor for Graphic Communications Association) but I enjoy helping the students." Mr. Lauffer has gone on to say, "It has been very rewarding to see many graduates embark on promising careers." Mr. Lauffer wanted future graphic students to know, "There are many career opportunities in graphic related fields, especially due to the popularity of the world wide web."

Half and Half

Part Time Teachers Lead Double Lives

Looking for an instructor you aren't able to locate is frustrating. He or she may be only a part-time teacher. Part-time faculty members are very common on this campus. There are between 20 and 30 part-time teachers in each department, from Math to English. A student can have just one or up to five part-timers in a semester.

A teacher is considered part-time if they only teach one or two classes during a semester, but they can teach up to three classes. They can teach three classes, but can not have a doctorate or a master's degree in their field.

These teachers are usually only on campus two or three days a week on the days that they teach. These teachers can not be found during normal day hours, since most teach in the evening, when they are needed. Therefore, they put forth more effort to be there for their students.

These teachers, when found are usually hanging out in a full-time teacher's office, a cubicle, or because office space is so sparse, in the room they use for class. Linda McClung, former FSC student now part-time graphic teacher said, "I really don't mind sharing Mr. Lauffer's office and computer lab. He usually isn't there when I am there, so we are not tripping over one another in all the confusion."

Linda also works at NASA and spends time with her two sons when not teaching her six o'clock Wednesday class. This shows that part-time teachers have other jobs and lives outside of their classrooms. Whether the teacher is part-time or full-time, they all are very important to everyone on campus. They help us to become the people we are all proud to be.

By: Molly Mathews & Holly Devin

On the "A" List

Ed Cyphert teaches English as a part time teacher. He teaches in room 108 of the library building. Mr. Cyphert likes to read, play basketball, racquetball, and jogging. He would like to watch his family grow. He is married and has one daughter, but hopes to have more children in the future. He has worked as a sports writer for two newspapers and a radio network. He has also worked at a graphic design studio in printing advertising making bill boards and signs. He enjoys working with students and likes teaching. He hopes to change and improve the journalism classes. "I'd like to see a journalism division grow into a department of a larger variety of classes and leadership. We are short changing students by limiting the journalism field."



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Rayman Richardson
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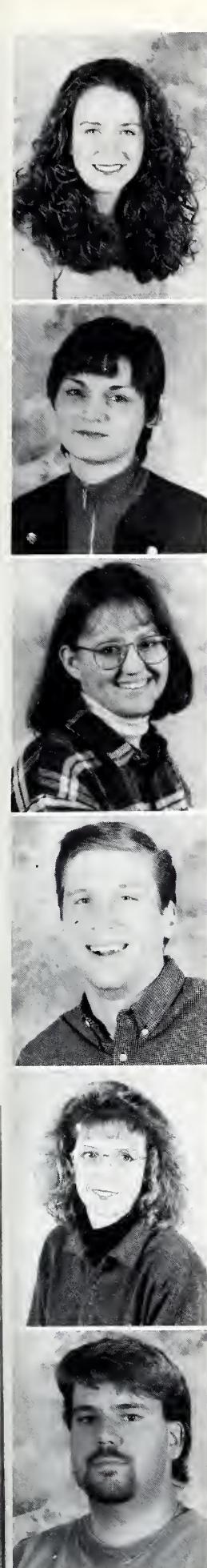


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What to Do and When

After Graduation What Will They Do ?

Oh no!!! It's almost time for your last semester here, at FSC, and you don't know what to do to finally get out of here. Well here's the solution to all of those questions. First, you need to make an appointment for a senior evaluation. This explains all the classes you have and need to graduate, how many hours you have, and your GPA. Next, during your final semester, you need to get an application for graduation from the registrar's office. After that's completed, pay the \$30 fee in the Business Office and finally take it back to the Registrar's Office. You will receive your cap and gown order form and participation form after your application is returned. To get graduation rolling you have to fill out those forms and return them as soon as possible. If all applications are approved you are set to go. Wait until finals are over and you are out of FSC with a college diploma. Now all you have to do is pass all your classes and show up for the graduation ceremony.

By: Holly Devin



During the Graduation in December one graduate shows all of the emotion that every graduate feels. Being a senior does not really mean a lot to most students, until they walk across that stage and receive their diploma.

As the graduate looks on to her family, she gives them a thumbs up. This is telling her family that she has made it to this day. Graduating in December is no different for these students than the May graduation. They still receive their walking paper.

Life After Graduation

Going Forth to the Real World

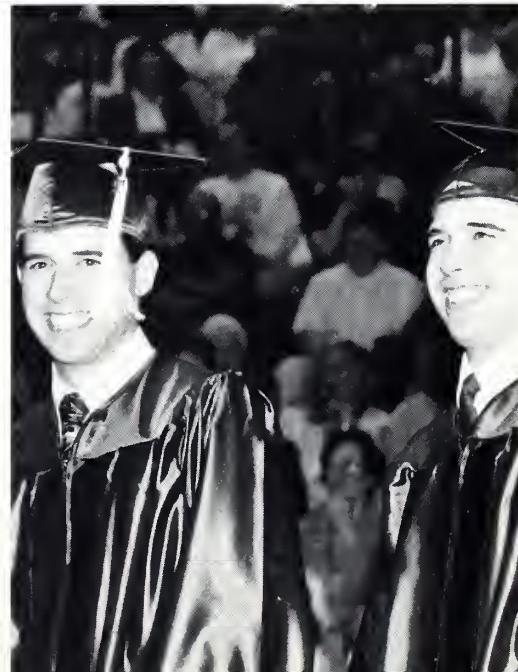
Graduation brings about many changes in a person's life. Year after year, hundreds of Fairmont State students pack up their belongings and venture out to begin a new life. However, graduation does not always mean getting a job or starting a family. Many undergraduate programs, such as criminal justice, psychology, and sociology, recommend graduate school. Fairmont State also has pre-law and pre-med, which also requires students to further their education at a larger institution. The education and nursing programs at FSC have excellent reputation. Both departments have a high graduation rate and many students find jobs immediately after graduation. Life after college changes a person's life not only academically, but socially as well. No longer does class and extra activities take up a student's time. One no longer dreads a ten o'clock class. Instead, one finds themselves waking up earlier, ready to begin a full day of graduate school or work. In conclusion, life after college creates many new activities for a person to deal with at first, it can be hard to adjust. But, in time we begin to be a part of the real world.

By: Molly Mathews



Aaron Smith and his twin brother Adam Smith glance across the gym to look for their friends and family. Aaron looks back to see if he has missed someone, and Adam stops to think and make sure he has seen everyone he knows.

Aaron and Adam Smith walk proudly to the front during the Graduation Ceremony. It is rare that two twin brothers would graduate at the same time on schedule. With this pair the emotions of graduating doubled.





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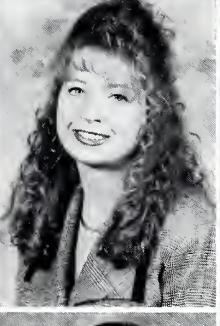
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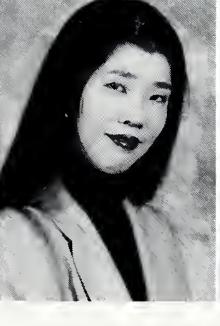
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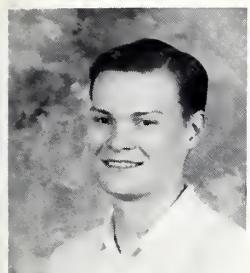


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Believing and Achieving

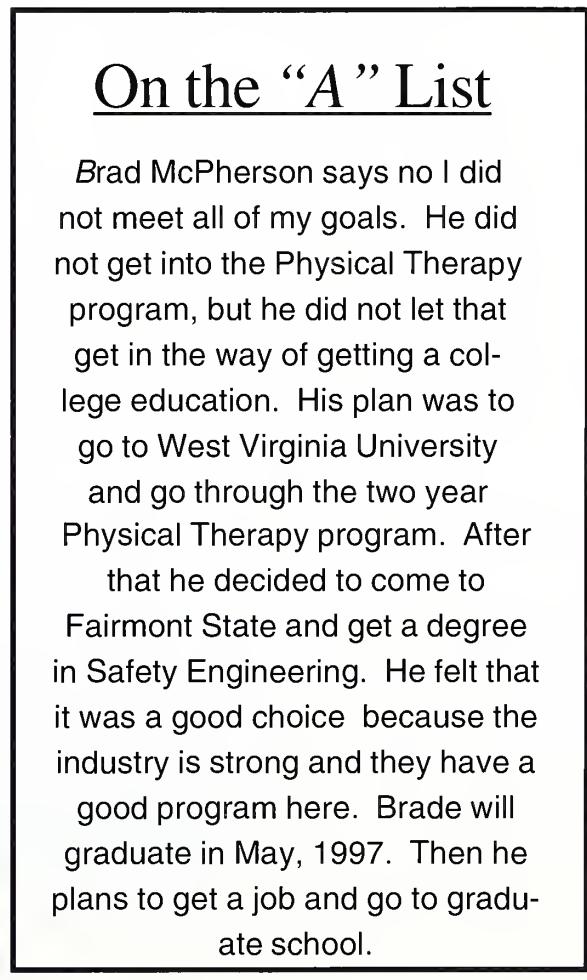


Did You Meet All the Goals You Set For Yourself as a Freshman?



As a Senior in high school, the anticipation to graduation is great. Some graduates go into the work force while other graduates further their education in college. After years of attending classes for their major and graduation once more grows near, the Seniors of FSC are asked: Did you meet all the goals you set as a freshman. Though some may have anticipated a long haul before they stand in the line of caps and gowns again. "Yes I reached my goals but my years at FSC took a lot longer then I imagined. If I knew then what I know now, things in my life would have been much smoother," said Phil Eden, a criminal justice major. Other senior students future plans include getting a job, getting married, or moving to a new and different location. Traci Pritchard said, "I hope to get a job in the teaching field out of state and get married." There are those seniors who know exactly where they want to go and what they want to do. "I want to get a job helping to run the Jacksonville Jagwer team," said Sean Robb. The goals you had as a child may or may not have come true. You always dreamed about being a nurse, a artist, or a teacher, then you went to college and now you are ready to graduate. You can see that goal closer than ever, Bravo! But, if you haven't reached the goals you've set, don't worry. You have your whole life and career ahead of you. Your childhood or freshman goals are obtainable. Goals are set to make you strive to be your best. So, as you finally reach your goal you set for yourself, just set another goal, a higher goal and start reaching. It's out there waiting for your grasp. Good Luck.

By: Molly Mathews & Angel Hill



On the "A" List

Brad McPherson says no I did not meet all of my goals. He did not get into the Physical Therapy program, but he did not let that get in the way of getting a college education. His plan was to go to West Virginia University and go through the two year Physical Therapy program. After that he decided to come to Fairmont State and get a degree in Safety Engineering. He felt that it was a good choice because the industry is strong and they have a good program here. Brade will graduate in May, 1997. Then he plans to get a job and go to graduate school.

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Takaski Asada
Raymond Aslasper
Catherine Banaszak
Mary Beam



Patricia Beer
Bethany Batson
Dustin Bengi
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Marianne Brown
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Becky Day
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Joseph Eastham
Jeremy Eastman
Miwa Edwards
Candy Evans



A Global Campus

Students Create International Diversity

Fairmont State College is rapidly becoming an institution of great diversity. Over eighty students from sixteen different countries are represented at FSC. The most represented continent is Asia. They have approximately fifty students attending FSC. During the past several years, Fairmont State College has become an exciting place. Not only has it become a college for the International students to study our culture, it gives us a chance to learn about their cultural beliefs as well.

Many International students belong to organizations on campus. Several participate in athletics and honor societies. Many International students are also represented on Student Government. To qualify for the international student program, the student graduates high school or an institution which is equivalent to the United States School System. They also have to score at least 500 on the TOEFL test. The students must also take the SAT or ACT. If a student does well he or she may even qualify for a scholarship. After all the paperwork has been completed the student begins their adventure at FSC. This program is a wonderful way for us to get to know them better and gives the international students a chance to live the "American Dream."

By: Jackie Iquento



During the Activities Fair in the Turley Center Ryoko, one of the members of the International Relations Society helps to explain their purpose to another student. Ryoko is wearing an outfit that she would normally wear back in her home town.

The Activities Fair is a tradition on the campus. Another tradition is the International students setting up a display for the International Relations Society. These students like to tell the rest of the students about their culture.

When and Were

Finding the Exact Place to Open a Book

Many Fairmont State College students are involved in activities around campus. After practice, or a meeting we must focus on why we are here, to study. Studying can be difficult when you are in a college student. No longer are you at home with your parents, listening to their threats of no phone calls or television until all of your homework is finished. Instead, you are trying to find a quiet place where you can concentrate on your school work. Many students believe they study the best in the library. The staff is very helpful, and there is plenty of space in order for you to focus on all of your materials. There is also plenty of resources, and if you are lucky, you might find a person from your class to study with.

If you are fortunate enough to have your own apartment, your bedroom can be a great place to study. Many young adults feel studying is more relaxing when you are in your own environment. Some students feel that they have to study with their belongings all around them and not in a strange place. When the library is too crowded or your roommates are just too loud, several buildings on campus also have study rooms that the students can take advantage of. Don't give up when you are trying to study, quiet places do exist.

By: Molly Mathews

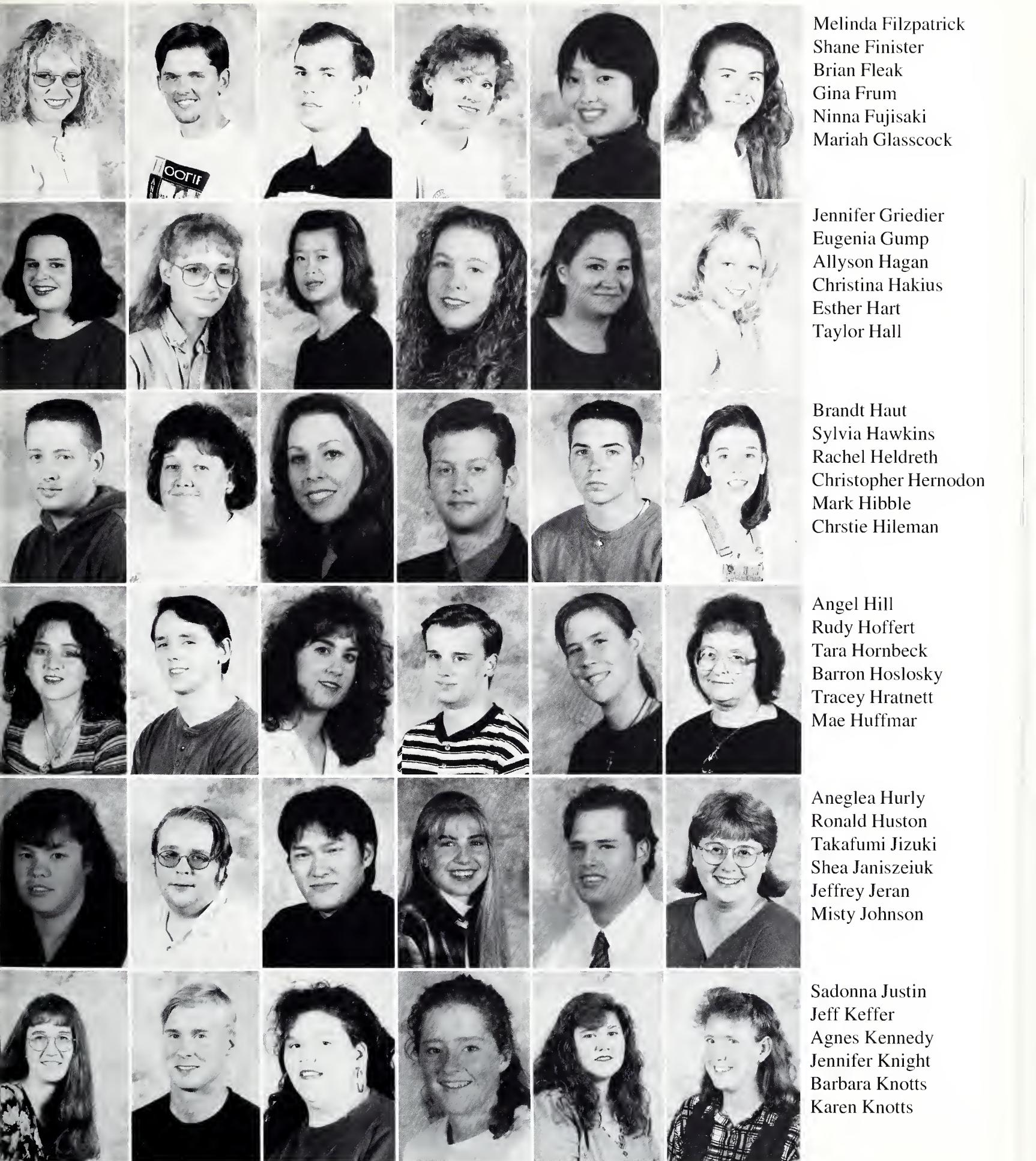


Setting on the steps of Colbank Hall two FSC student decide weather they want to study or just socialize. Finding the perfect place to study or to socialize between classes is sometimes troubling for some students.



One student has found the perfect place to study for the time that he has between his classes. The time between classes can be very beneficial. Those few minutes can come in handy if you have a big test in your next class.





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Craig Leech
Sarah Lewis
Garth Leech



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Stephanie Lyon
Michielle Martin
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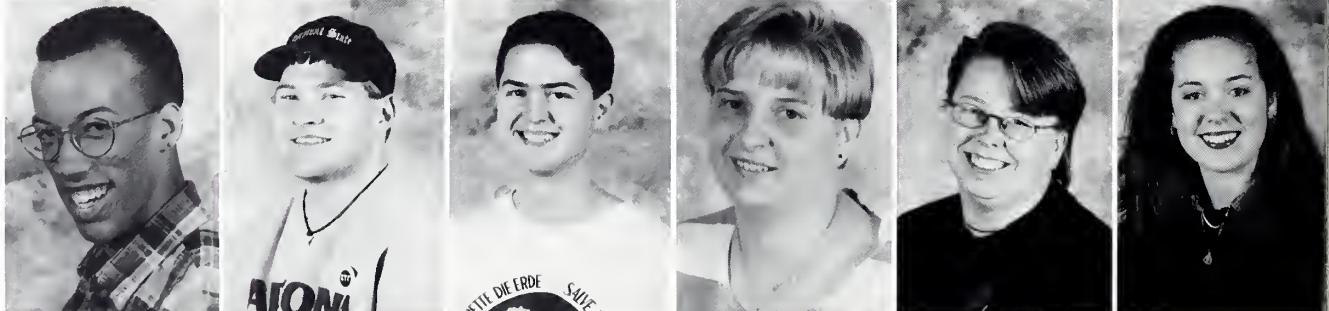
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Tracy Pittman



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William Prunty
James Ribel
Wanda Rollins
Solveig Sahbin
Shelby Sandefur



Home Away from Home

Making the Dorms Work

Are you going to college? Of course you say yes. Now here is the harder question, where are you going to live? The normal answer is, I don't know. The simple solution to this troubling question is to live in the dorm. Those words reek havoc in the hearts of college students everywhere. Although dorm life has gotten a bad wrap, it's really not that bad. Dorm life can offer tons of new experiences and hundreds of new and interesting people. Different college dorms feature lots of different things. Most dorms have two beds, of course, one for each person in the room, they have a phone, most have a desk for both people in each room. The special things the dorms have varies from dorm to dorm. Some have kitchens, television lounges, pool tables, and other things for enjoyment, while there are others that just provide the basic necessities. The dorms at FSC want the students living there to have all the comforts of home. So although dorm life may not appeal to you at first just think about all of the opportunities they offer and all of the new friends you could make.

By: Molly Mathews



Playing pool in the lobby of Marrow Hall is a great past time for those student with the time. Living in the dorms can be a big adjustment from living at home. There is freedom, your new 20 room mates and waiting for a shower.

In Marrow Hall one of the female dorms, they have all gathered to have an evening of fun and games. Now the residents have settled down in front of the television to relax and forget the worries of college life.

Alcohol on Campus

How Some Students Feel

On the "A" List

"One would think that alcohol would not even be a thought of on campus.

But the question has been asked before, why can you not buy beer at the Nickel. If you stop and think of mixing class with a cold one, I don't think that they match. It is known to everyone on campus that there are students that have came to class after drinking or even drunk.

If you told these students that they can drink on campus also, there would be more trouble on campus. Now the most trouble people get into is parking in the wrong place. If this were to happen the campus security would have to watch out for drunks getting behind the wheel. There would be a lot more out burst in class, because of the alcohol level in some students. There are also some students that do not like to be around alcohol and they feel that school should be a place were they would not have to see, smell, or hear the effects of alcohol. So if you would ask my opinion beer should not be permitted on campus."

Anonymous Writer

Off campus activities are just as important as on-campus activities at FSC. One of FSC's student body activities involves parties and alcohol. Signs from local clubs' night specials and Greeks social parties are both posted around the campus. This doesn't mean when FSC students attend these off-campus functions they drink. These students who do drink and are underage manage to get alcohol even though it is illegal to those under the age of 21. Some students have friends that can buy the alcohol for them. While others have fake I.D.'s, but some say that they can just walk in and buy the alcohol. "They just give it to me," said Carol Bayles.

Most drinking students said alcohol was all right as long as the person was responsible and drank in moderation. Some students discussed that when a person becomes out of control while drinking it becomes a problem. There are other students that believe that drinking alcohol is not okay, not even in moderation. "I'm a Christian, and drinking is totally against the bible, I would not want to be out of control of myself," said Mary Slabaugh. How did the drinking students respond to attitudes of the other students that believe alcohol is problem? They feel that every one has their own opinion and they do not have to ever take a drink if they do feel it is wrong. There is a lot of pressure for students to go out and drink. This is a problem that most underclassmen encounter at one point in time. If it is your first time at a activity then most people are going to offer you a drink. You do not have to take it, you can become known as a nondrinker.

By: Molly Mathews





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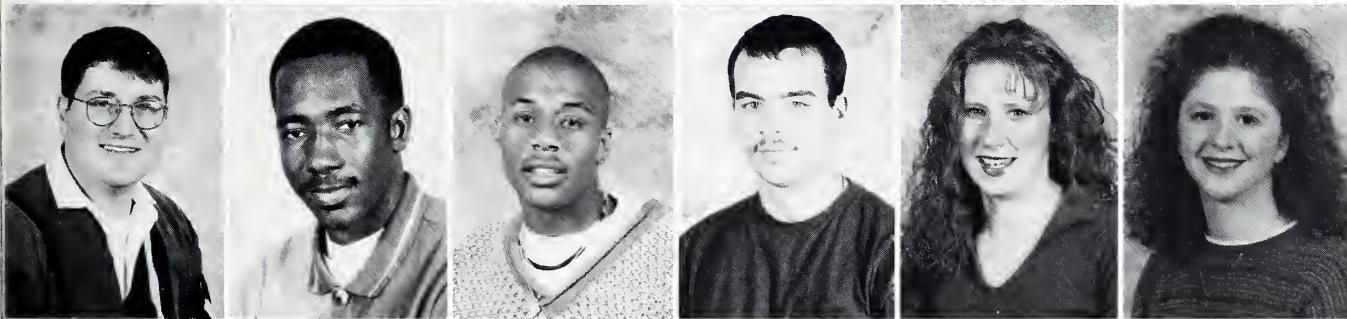
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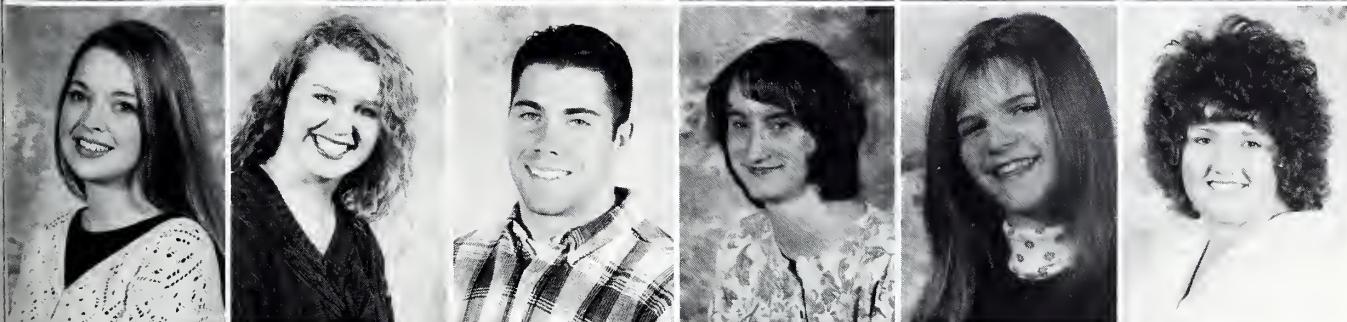
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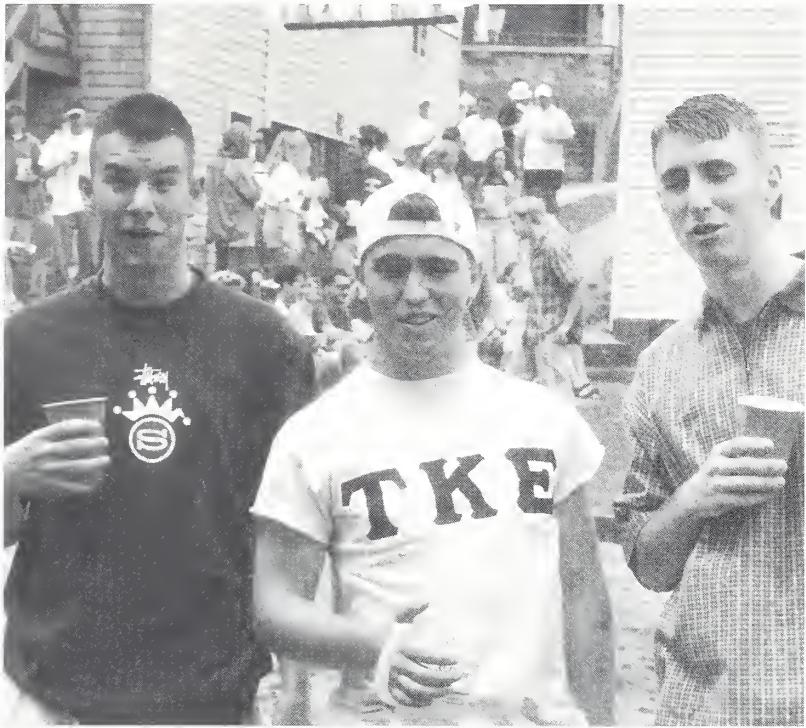
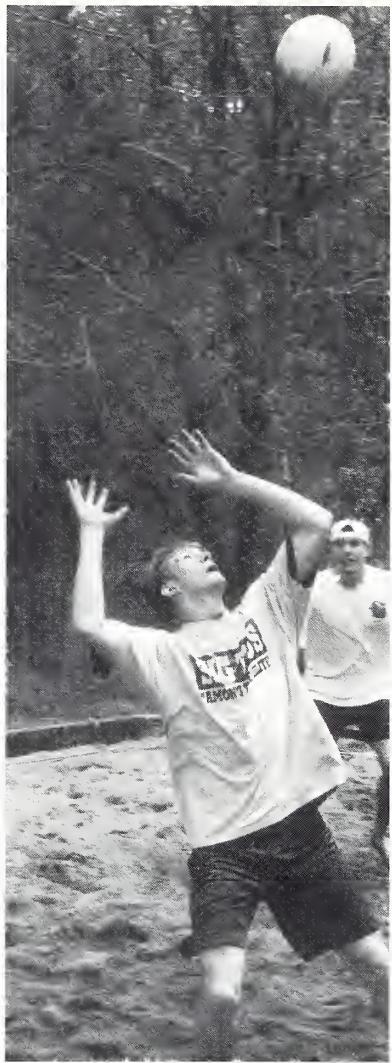
Traditions

Greeks

Brotherhood and sisterhood: two main reasons for joining a Greek, social fraternity or sorority. The people who join these organizations continue traditions that were started some years before they joined. These traditions are followed year after year. For example "rushing" is a tradition as are the formal dances and dinners held. These fraternities and sororities also make new traditions for those in future years to follow and learn about what it means to belong to a close group of friends, interact socially, and discover a heritage. At Fairmont State College there are three sororities and three fraternities which are nationally recognized plus two local fraternities and two local sororities. Along with others, these fraternities and sororities follow past traditions and make "Future Traditions."

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One Sigma Tau Gamma brother leans back to bump up the volleyball to help his team win the tournament. Every year during Sunfest there is a very competitive volleyball tournament between all the organizations and other friends.



During the 1997 Sunfest blow out Steve Hyer and two of his TKE fraternity brothers stop to relax one moment out of a very eventful day. Sunfest is one day out of the year where everyone at FSC comes together to have a good time.

Sigma Tau Gamma members stand to greet and collect money from all the guests. Sig Tau's put on this social event every year to earn money for Homecoming events, formals, and other events





The Traditions of ... *STG's Sunfest*

What do you get when you have people on roofs, horseshoes, nets, food, beverages, loud music, Greeks, non-Greeks, and everywhere you turn a new person to talk to? You get Sunfest, a great social event hosted by the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. Held in March, Sunfest is an activity or opportunity to raise money for the fraternity. It is also a chance for the brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma to get to know other fraternities, sororities, and even non-Greeks. Besides the usual socializing, those attending Sunfest can play horseshoes and volleyball or watch. This fest which lasts well into the night is an annual, or traditional party that has been held for about five years. Like the Sigma Pi basketball tournament, the Sigma Tau Gamma brothers invite local chapters to play volleyball and party for an end of the year blowout and according to Jess Amick, "Sunfest is bigger and better than the Sigma Pi basketball tournament." Though all fraternities and sororities throw, what they consider to be, the biggest and the best party of the year. These parties are ways for these organizations to raise money to help with the contributions they make each year to the college and the community. Leaving for the summer always changes a person. Everyone seems to scatter to where they came from, and the days of classes and daily conversations with friends are put to sleep until August rolls around and the campus comes alive. However, Sunfest is the biggest end of the year, and if you want one final fling with friends, change your finals schedule and party at Sigma Tau Gamma's Sunfest.



Members of Sigma Tau Gamma stand around talking and having a good time with all of their friends. Friends are very important to all college kids. Being away from home can be hard, but if your friends are around college is home.

Terri Farris, a Sig Tau brother, stands on the porch and over looks all the people and excitement of Sunfest. Sunfest is a place at the end of the year, where everyone gets together to blow off steam before finals.

The Traditions of ...

Alpha Sigma Tau

During the formal rush party, two girls come to stake out the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority. After all the rush parties the girls decide which organization is the best for them.



The 1997 members of Alpha Sigma Tau stand tall for a formal group photo. These girls are proud to be sisters of the AST sorority, and a members of the Greeks at FSC.

In the Colebank gym during Alcohol Awareness week the AST's make a non-alcoholic drink to show people that drinking is not necessary. Just as some Greek members may drink, they do promote people that don't drink and safe drinking.



Showing off her cup and her greek letters, this sorority member is proud to be a Alpha Sigma Tau. To be a member of any sorority you have to be proud of your organization and what they stand for.





One AST sorority member smiles to show all of the fun she and her sisters are having at Sunfest. Sunfest is one of the biggest and last big parties of the year to hang out with friends.



Nicole Gowen, Amy Koon, and Andrea Myers sit around the kitchen table of a sister's house just enjoying each other's company. Knowing that you have about two dozen sisters around all the time to help is one advantage.



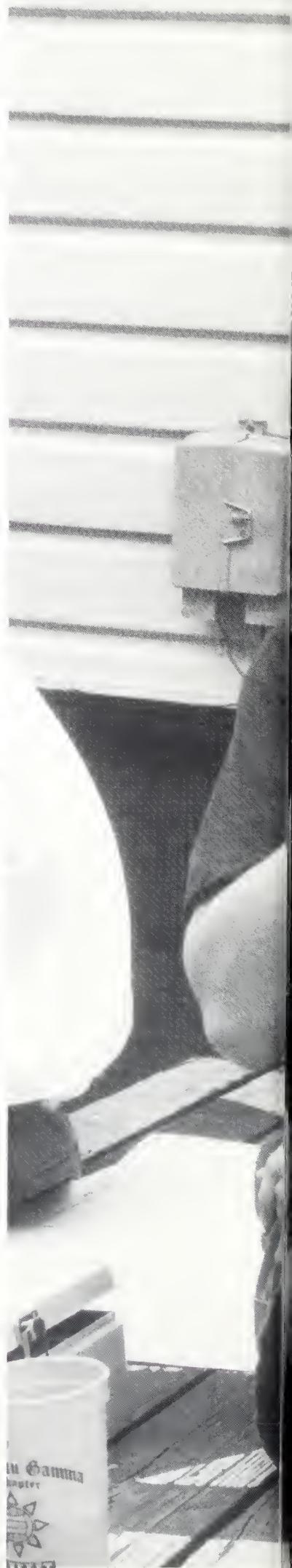
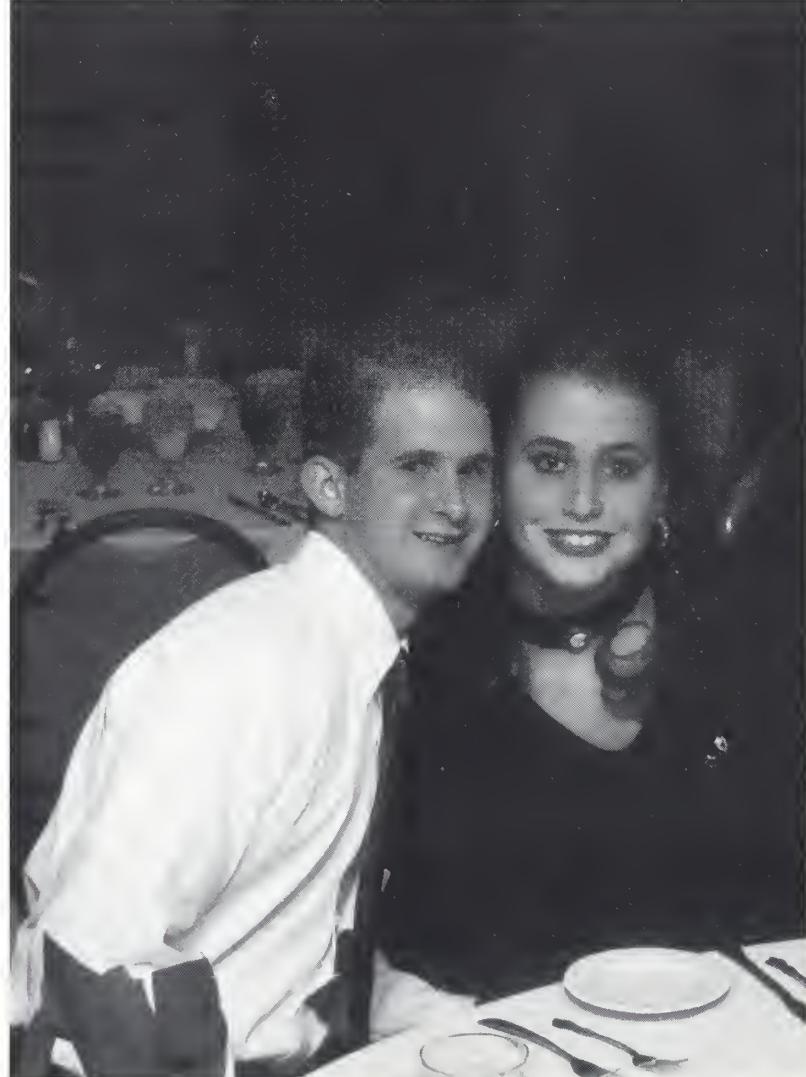
This group of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority sisters show all the fun hanging out with friends can be. Sorority sisters become such good friends because of all the time they spend working together and helping one another.

James Sisel walks out from behind, what is soon to be a castle, to look at his work. James and many other Sig Tau's take pride in Homecoming and Sigma Tau Gamma.



The Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity stands with the Homecoming spirit stick and their Homecoming candidate Andrea Myers. The Sig Taus were the proud winners of the spirit stick during the bonfire during Homecoming Week.

At the Sigma Tau Gamma dinner Nathan and Andrea show off their smiles to everyone there. This annual dinner Sig Tau's join together to have fun and break away from the stress of college.



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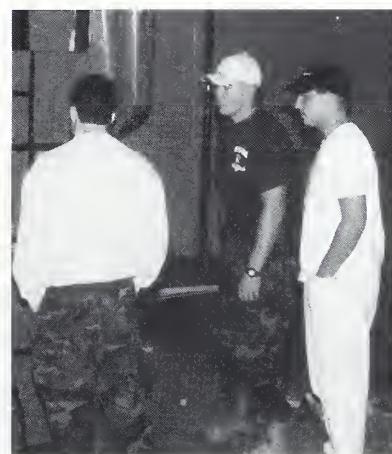
Sigma Tau Gamma



Two Sig Tau's show off their greek letters at the Sigma Tau Gamma Sunfest. They put on Sunfest every year and hope that it is continued for many, many years to come.



This Sig Tau stands back to look at the work he has completed on the Homecoming float. They get together and use the money saved to put together what they think will be the best in the parade.



The 1997 pledges for the Sigma Tau Gammas were in charge of inventing a non-alcoholic drink for Alcohol Awareness week. By doing this the Sig Tau's and many other organizations hope to help others to know the effects of alcohol.

Three Sigma Tau Gamma brothers stop to discuss what is next for building their Homecoming float. Fraternities and other organizations put a lot of time, energy, and money into making the floats.

The Traditions of ...

Delta Zeta



During a Delta Zeta outing to Kennywood, three DZ sisters stop for a moment to show how much fun they are having. Going on trips with each other, allows these girls to become closer and get away from their class schedules.



Some of the DZ sorority sisters take time out from mixing drinks for Alcohol Awareness Week. In the Colebank gym all organizations got together to make non-alcoholic drinks to help promote alcohol awareness.

During the Homecoming Parade the DZ and Sig Pi's glide down the streets of Fairmont showing off their float. The DZ's and their brother fraternity put a great deal of time and effort into making their float the best.



D Z's are showing their letters and colors to the entire campus. Painting the bell with your organization's name and colors is a tradition that FSC students have honored for a long time.



During the Sig Pi Halloween party the two DZ's show off their costumes that they put a lot of time into making. Dressing up for Halloween is a tradition that all kids enjoy; even the big ones.



During the Delta Zeta induction the big sisters, already in the sorority, stand behind their little sisters. Each new member who pledges the sorority gets a big sister to show her the ropes.



These four Delta Zeta members stop for a moment to smile , from all the dancing and laughing with their friends at the 1997 formal. These girls work hard all year to raise money to make the formal great.

In the Feaster Center gym after the annual basketball tournament, the Sigma Pi team poses for a smile to remember the fun memories and life long friendships. This is a big part of being a brother or a sister of the Greek organization.



These two Sigma Pi brothers stop for a break during their basketball tournament. The Sigma Pi basketball tournament is an annual activity for the fraternity to raise money for homecoming, formal, and other activities.

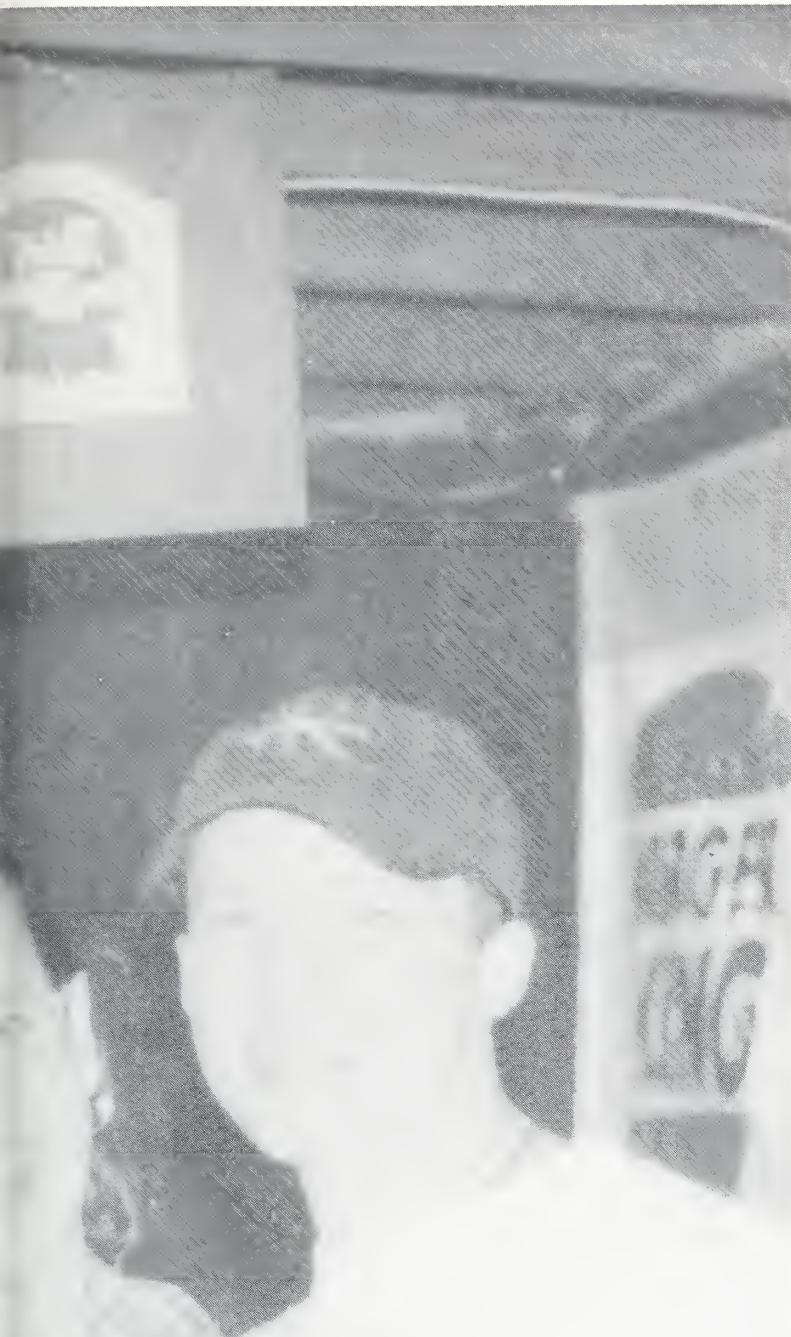


These four fraternity brothers show off their smiles as they hang out with their friends. Friends are a big part of college and of the Greeks community. When one becomes a fraternity brother they make several life long friends.



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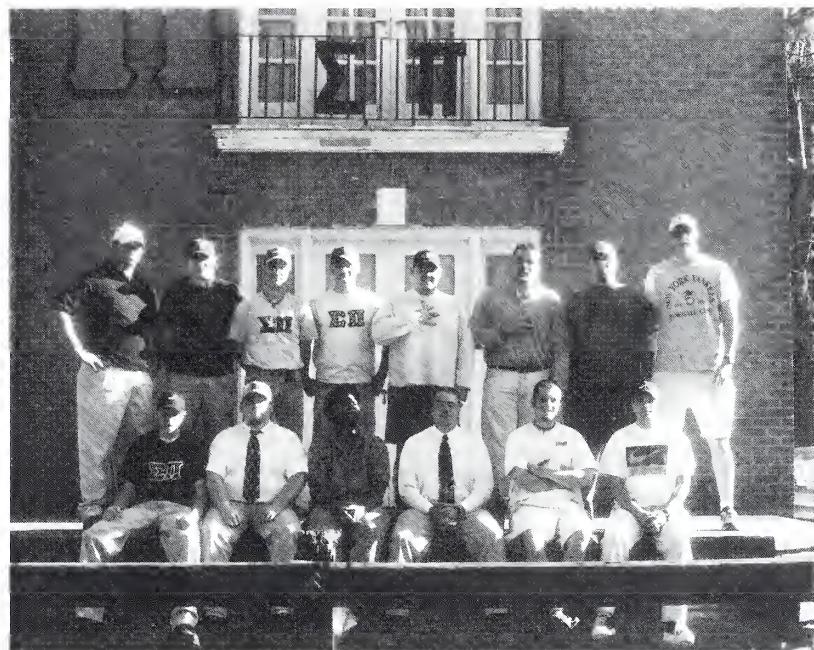
Sigma Pi



Tracy Toler and friend show how much fun it is to party and forget about the troubles of a college student. Greeks, like many other students need time when they're not studying working, or in a class. Time that you can relax and hang out with friends is very important.



Two Sigma Pi brothers show off their trophy from the traditional basketball tournament. Members of fraternity and other organizations put a team together of their best basketball players. Then these teams get together in the Feaster Center to have fun with some friendly competition.



All the members of the Sigma Pi Fraternity stands in front of the fraternuity house showing off the pride in their organization. These students take their letters, brotherhood, and their friendships in Sigma Pi very seriously.



Members of the Sigma Pi fraternity and their friends enjoying goofing off as they let off steam. When hanging out with friends students tend to get crazy and wild to show off in front of the friends, fraternity brothers, or any other students.

The Traditions of ...

Tri Sigma



During the Homecoming dance these Sigma sorority sisters help each other to making sure they look their best. Sorority sisters do more then help each other with their looks, they also stand behind each other through thick and thin.



During the homecoming bonfire the Sigma, Sigma, Sigma's get together to do their cheer for the game on Saturday. The Sigma's and TKE's put out their spirit in hopes to receive the spirit stick.

At the bonfire at Rosier Field three of the Sigmas help themselves to the hotdogs and chips before the rest of the events. Student Government provides this meal for all FSC students that attend the bonfire.



Sigma, Sigma, Sigma Amy Lienheart is being congratulated by her sorority sister and last years Homecoming Queen. The Tri Sigmas have held the tradition and honor of their candidates winning for many years.



Two Sigma's look on as they watch all other organizations do their cheer and show their spirit. All organizations show up with a cheer made up and full of spirit to support the football team.

The Sigma, Sigma, Sigma's stand tall with their teddy bears and the FSC spirit stick. The Sigmas added props to their cheer to make it the best they could make it. Winning the spirit stick is a major part of the week's competition.



During Alcohol-Awarness week the Tri Sigma's made Strawberry Smoothies with strawberries , orange juice and whip cream. The Sigmas were asked to take part in this to prove to other students that one doesn't need to drink.

During the TKE formal at Alpine Lake the brothers and their dates stand around talking and having a good time. Every year the Tau Kappa Epsilon members plan a formal that will allow fun for everyone.



During a TKE volleyball tournament on July fourth, two brothers go up for the spike hoping to beat the other one. Every year the TKE's get together to have a good time with other brothers and their dates.



TKE members sit around talking at the Inter Pan Tea in the Turley Center. The Greeks are all pulled together in this organization. On the Inter Pan board there are members of all the sororities and fraternities.



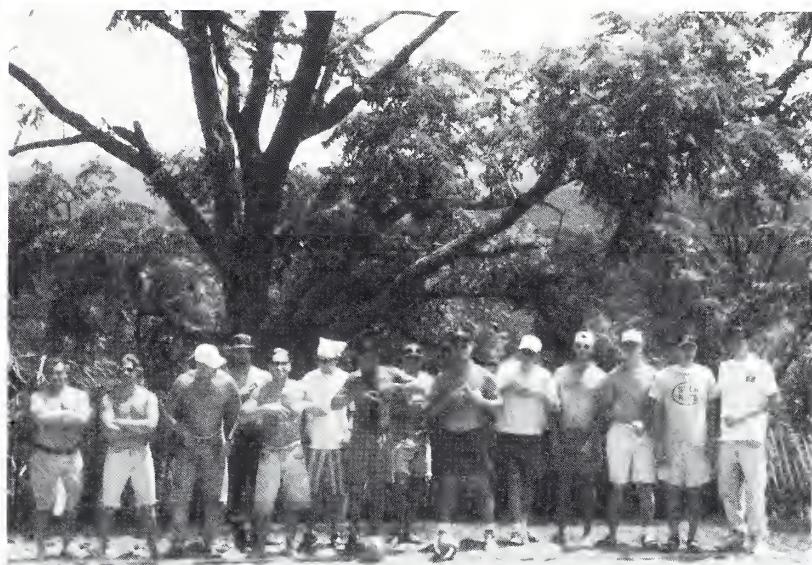


The Traditions of ...

Tau Kappa Epsilon



Shane Grady, Student Government President and Tau Kappa Epsilon brother, relaxes on a brother's couch during a TKE social. Spending time with friends having a good time was a way to forget about the troubles of college.



Chris Woods and his date stop to smile at the 1996 TKE formal. The TKE's bring their dates to Alpine Lake every year for the formal. The brothers raise money all year long to have a great formal at a nice place.



During the fourth of July some of the TKE's show off for their brothers and their dates. The July fourth outing and volleyball tournament is a tradition that the TKE's honor every year.

Rob Miller, Vice President of Tau Kappa Epsilon, talks to the new pledges at the Fall Smoker. He tells the new members what to expect and what the TKE's stand for.

The Traditions of ...

Delta Zi Omicron



April Swisher and Carrie Price show off their smiles as they relax at a sorority sister's house. Being a member of a sorority is a good way to meet people and create many new friendships.



Heather May, Heather Amick, and Heather Lawler show how much fun "Heathers" can have at the Delta Zi Omicron meeting. Fun and excitement are only two of the characteristics of being in a sorority.

After decorating for the 1996 Fall Rush party Melissa Feiner and Renee Allison wait for the new members to appear. The old members recruit new members to come and discover what their sorority is all about.



Getting ready to leave for their spring formal, Becky Bargeloh, Renne Alison, and Crystal Stevenson smile as they walk out the door. The DZO's save money all year so they can pull out all the stops for their formal.



Shay Ryan, secretary of the Delta Xi Omicron stands with the president, Renee Allison. These girls are only part of the staff that worked hard and put a lot of time in planning the formal.

Jodie Bonafield and Teresa Thomas show off their guitar playing skills at the Fox's night club in New Martinsville. The sorority took time off from Fairmont to see the sights in another city.



Robin Rockholt, Debra Nagle, and Carolyn Kirby work really hard to raise money at the Delta Xi Omicron's car wash. Raising money is very important in deciding on what the sorority will do for the year.

During spring initiation these Alpha Phi Omega members stand behind their colors and letters with pride in their organization. To be a member of a Greek organization you have to have pride in what they stand for.



Christie Malcolm walks down the stairs at the Homecoming Dance as the Alpha Phi Omega candidate. They are just like all other Greeks, even though they are a coed fraternity.



Six Alpha Phi Omega members take time out from entertaining at Spring Rush to show off with each other. Every year during rush the old members get together and put on a party to encourage new members to join.





The Traditions of ...

Alpha Phi Omega



Anissa Harper, Brian Spencer, and Allyson Hagar warm up by the fireplace at Camp Mountaineer. Sitting and listening to the lectures at Camp Mountaineer is a great part of camp life.

Alpha Phi Omega Members Front Row: Jeff Zinn, Allyson Hagan, Jennifer Johnston, Holly Devin, Anissa Harper, Barbour Knotts, Tasha Nicholas. Back Row: Teresa Blake, Christie Malcolm, Brian Spencer, Tracy, Pittman, Tonia Crumm, Chris Herndon, Deanna Heater, Brian Fleak.



The Alpha Phi Omega float moves down the street during the 1997 Homecoming Parade. Leadership, friendship, and service is the motto that the fraternity lives by and that is shown on the side of their float.



At the Activities Fair in the Turley Center the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity shows off their memorabilia to the students that walk by. Organizations set up tables to encourage others to join.

Members of the AST sorority pose with family members at the parent tea. The Alpha Sigma Tau Parent Tea is away to introduce members' parents to sorority life.



Adrienne Tetrick pauses while conversing with friends at Sig Tau's Sunfest. Held May 2nd, this bash was an opportunity to let loose before finals.



Sisters of Alpha Sigma Tau join together at one of many parties during the year. Sisterhood is very important to any member of a sorority.





With a puzzled look on her face an AST member looks on at her sisters having a good time. Fun and excitement is the number one priority at the 1997 Sunfest party.

The Traditions of ...

All Greeks



Tau Beta Iota member Curtis Strole talks with Inter-Panhellenic members at the annual tea. Members of FSC fraternities and sororities are welcomed at this traditional event.



During Spring Rush 1997 Jill Brown, Stacie Haskiell, Carrie Price, and April Swisher show the togetherness the sorority sisters feel. During rush the new pledges will decide what sorority they want to be a part of.

During the 1997 Sunfest these FSC students take a load off after a day of fun. Besides talking and just hanging out they can also play volleyball and horseshoes.



Stronger Pride

Athletics

Everything comes and goes with changes, as do the members of the Fairmont State College Fighting Falcons sports teams. Though we mourned the death of Gyprain Bailey, student and basketball player, we were made to realize how unpredictable life is. Throughout each sporting event, game, match, or performance our emotions changed from elated over winning to melancholy after losing to an opponent. We saw all of these, plus many other emotional changes when FSC's Fighting Falcon football team ended its season at 6 and 4 and our cheerleaders placed third in the Universal Cheer Association National Championship. All changes, good and bad for FSC sports make us proud to be Fighting Falcons. With increasing student participation the years may bring about the change of a "Stronger Pride."

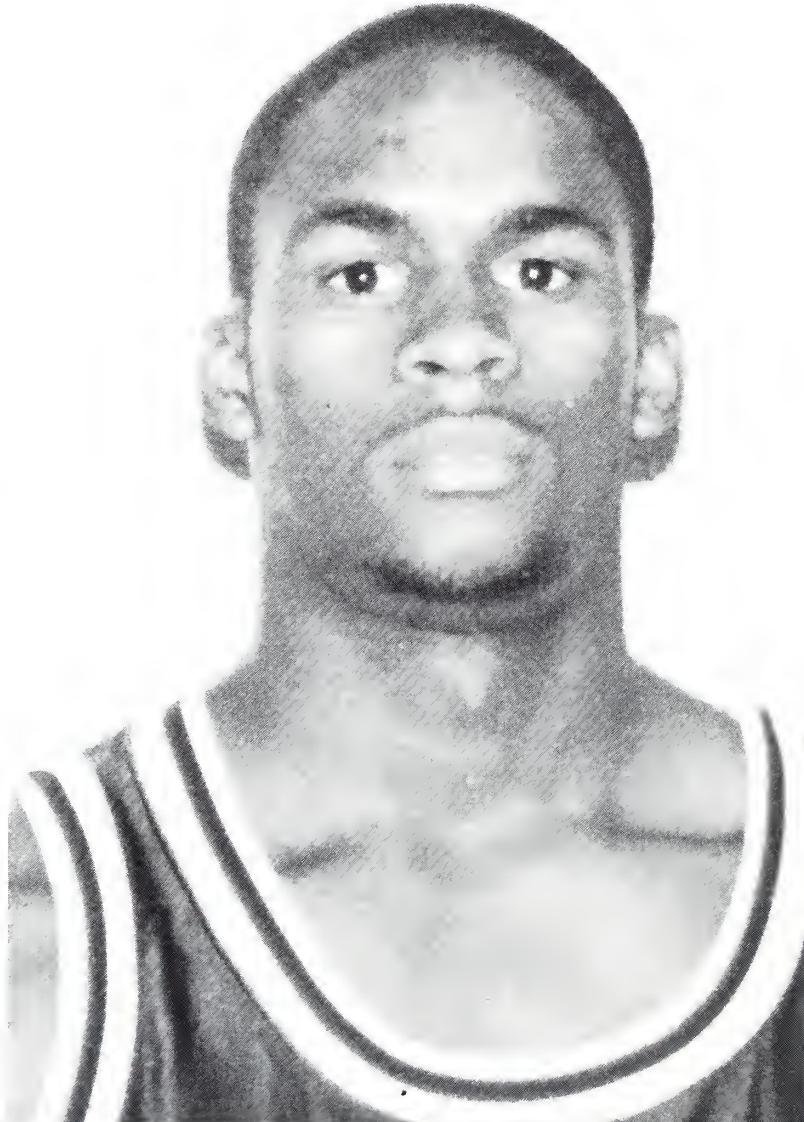
FSC Fighting Falcon, number 22 Claire Volker, uses his high-jumping ability to attempt to recover possession of a rebound against a Glenville player, at the Feaster Center.



In Loving Memory

Gyprain Bailey "Jeeps" Will Be Missed By All

Everyone in the world hates to hear of someone dying young, and that feeling is no different here at Fairmont State College when a student dies. The sorrow and disappointment fell over Fairmont State after hearing that one of its own had been killed in a tragic car accident. Gyprain Bailey, 21 was killed on August 15 in York Pennsylvania. He was a redshirt freshman guard for the FSC basketball team. Head coach Butch Haswell said that "Jeeps was part of our family here at Fairmont State." Bailey, also known as "Jeeps", was born in Queens New York. He attended Fork Union Military Academy High School, where as a senior he averaged 18.7 points, eight assists, six steals, and four rebounds. He was voted Most Valuable Player in the Virginia Prep League. "Jeeps" was a well respected student and athlete. "He was the kind of kid everyone would have liked and did," said assistant basketball coach Steve McDonald. Gyprain Baily will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know him.



"Jeeps" Bailey will be sadly missed by those at Fairmont State who had the pleasure of knowing him. Not only was "Jeeps" a freshman at FSC, he was also a beloved son and friend.

By: Kim Mines and Christina Short



Sophomore swimmer, Amy Wilson is listening to the encouragement of her head coach. Coach Denny has been the FSC head coach for four years and plans to continue the Fairmont State tradition. The pep talks from a coach to an athlete can be very important to the students performance.

Men's basketball coach Butch Haswell attempts to keep his composure during an FSC Falcon basketball game at the Feaster Center. FSC coaches are the head of the athletic families, therefore they work to keep the feeling and excitement in the sport.

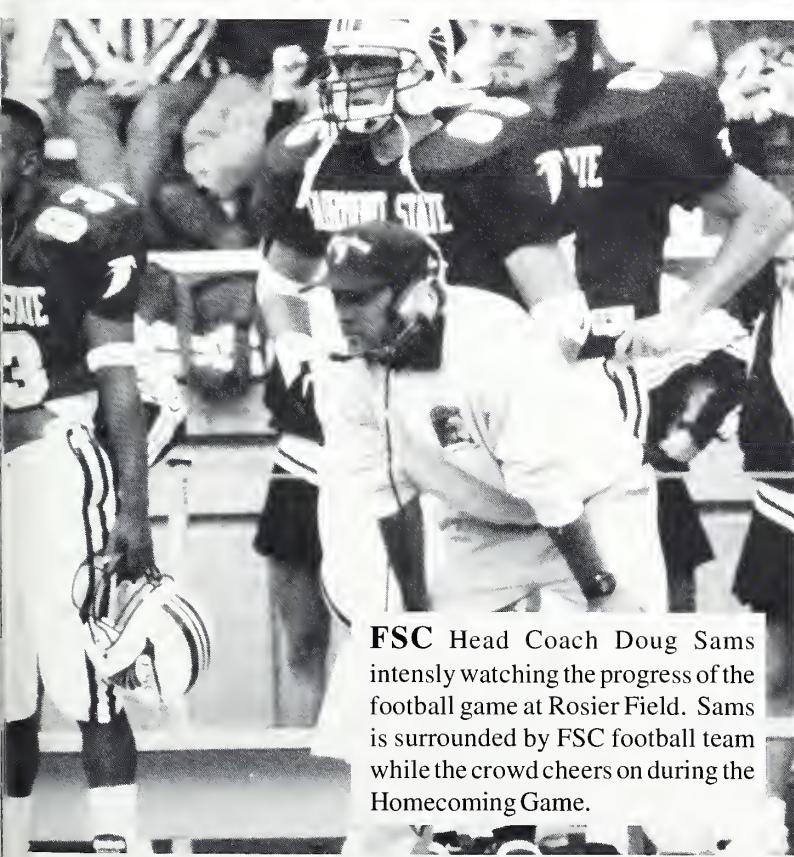


The Athletic Staff

Someone Other Than the Athletes

At Fairmont State College there are always people behind the scenes that make it possible for the sporting events to operate smoothly. This group of people include coaches, assistant coaches, managers, and various others that have different jobs. Coaches are essential to a sports team. They are not only the backbone, but also the people that train and prepare the team for their events. Ed Denny, the FSC swimming head coach has coached for the Naval Academy and West Point Military Academy. He says, "I like the size of FSC and the friendly atmosphere that surrounds the people on campus." Denny is just one example of teachers who put a lot of time and effort into making sports at FSC the best they can be. Assistant coaches are the next in line behind the coach. These coaches are always ready to step in when the coaches are unable to be there. The assistant coaches have to know their jobs and the head coaches in case they would have to fill in. Other people who help keep the teams in line are managers, trainers, score keepers and equipment managers.

By: Duke Dodd and Angel Hill



FSC Head Coach Doug Sams intensely watching the progress of the football game at Rosier Field. Sams is surrounded by FSC football team while the crowd cheers on during the Homecoming Game.

Jarrod Furgason (9) and Jon Pernell (25) tackle a WV Tech Golden Bear as the clock counts down from 10 during a quarter of the Homecoming Game. The Fighting Falcons went on to win over their opponents. Special days like Homecoming were made even more special by victory.

Members of FSC's Fighting Falcons break from their formation as punter Dave Neff kicks off. Neff hails from Middlebourne, WV and is a junior. The kickoff is very important to the position of the ball.



One of Fairmont State's Fighting Falcons gets up after tackling a Vulcan from California University. This game was held at Rosier Field on September 14. Five games were held at FSC and five were held at other colleges.

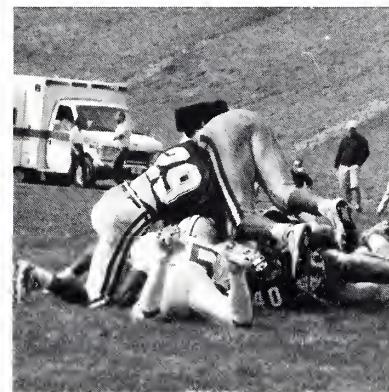
Number 85, Shannon Kundla, tries to ward off an Indiana University Indian during the September 7 game at Fairmont. The scoreboard show 5:52 left in the second quarter until half-time. Halftime gave players and coaches an opportunity to regroup and figure out a strategy for the next two quarters.



Wide-receiver Scott Shepherd leaps into the air barely missing the ball. Shepherd is a junior from Saint Mary's, WV. Shepherd landed IN bounds to finally catch the ball. He also averages 4.00 on defense a game.



The Fighting Falcons fought against the WV Tech Golden Bears on October 12. This FSC football team went on to win their Homecoming Game. FSC also triumphed over the Bears during the 1995-96 season.



As his teammates hold WV Tech from him, running-back Mike Joseph weaves himself through the large padded bodies to possibly catch the ball if it is thrown to him. Joseph, a junior hometown-boy averages 4.40 score per game.

The Fighting Falcons football team celebrates their final victory against WV Wesleyan on November 9. This victory gave them the WVIAC championship for the 1996-97 season, which they share with Glenville.

Tackling Our Goals

Making the Plan, Working the Play

Another tradition in the United States is a football game. Football has become America's favorite and most competitive sport. Saturday afternoon football games have become a tradition at FSC. The stadium is filled with people cheering on the Falcons as they try to climb their way to the top. This year, they made it. They shared the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletics Conference title with Glenville State. A few of the players that helped get them there are Jarrod Furgason, quarterback and Mike Joseph, running back. Joseph made the first team All-Conference. The Falcons not only show their team spirit, but also their school and community spirit by participating in The Great American Smoke Out. Whether on the field or off the Falcons prove they are winners, 100%!

By: Angel Hill

Leaping airbourne, sophomore Shannon Kundla intercepts the spiralling ball in order to make his way to the goal post. Sometimes all that is needed to succeed during a game is to keep poession of the ball. Kundla is a tight end from Homer City, PA.

Bruce Ward (2), a junior, defensive-back from Portsmouth, OH pushes an Indiana University Indian back to hopefully causing him to lose the yardage he has just gained. Ward has an average of 0.60 in scoring and 4.80 in defensive interceptions.



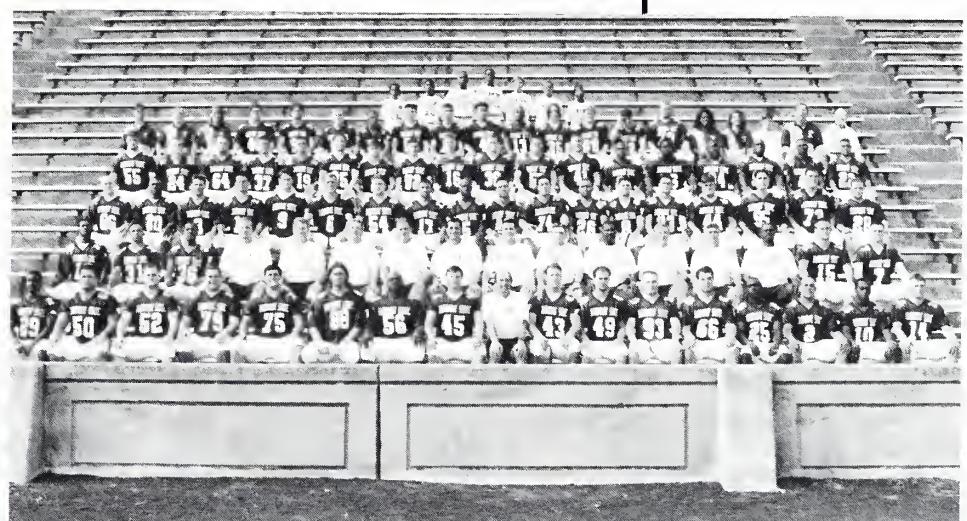
Mike Calvin (18) passes through an Indiana University player. Calvin is a defensive-back from Thornback, Texas. This was his first year as a Fighting Falcon being as he is a freshman.

Junior, quarterback Mike Hockenberry (19) holds the ball anticipating Zack Craig's (29) extra point kick. Craig is a senior, corner-back from Columbus, GA and Hockenberry hails from Chelyan, WV. Hockenberry has scored 6 passing touchdowns and Craig has 8 defensive interceptions.





Zack Craig and Darren Kemp try to recover poession of the pigskin as other Falcons prepare to help them. Teamwork is very important in having a winning season. Though some may have their shining moments, they all work together.



FOOTBALL 96 - 97

September

- 7 Indiana Univ.
- 14 California
- 21 Slippery Rock
- 28 Concord

October

- 5 WV State
- 12 WV Tech
- 19 Glenville State
- 26 Sheper

November

- 2 West Liberty
- 9 WV Wesleyan



Running-back, Jason Walker (22) faces-off with a Golden Bear during the Homecoming Game. Walker is a newcomer, a freshman, from Belpre, OH. He is also considered a backup for other running-backs on the team.

Jon White (8) discusses the final score with Tony Gist (64) as his teammates scatter toward the locker room. The plays that were made, mistakes, and other points of the game were great topics of discussion.

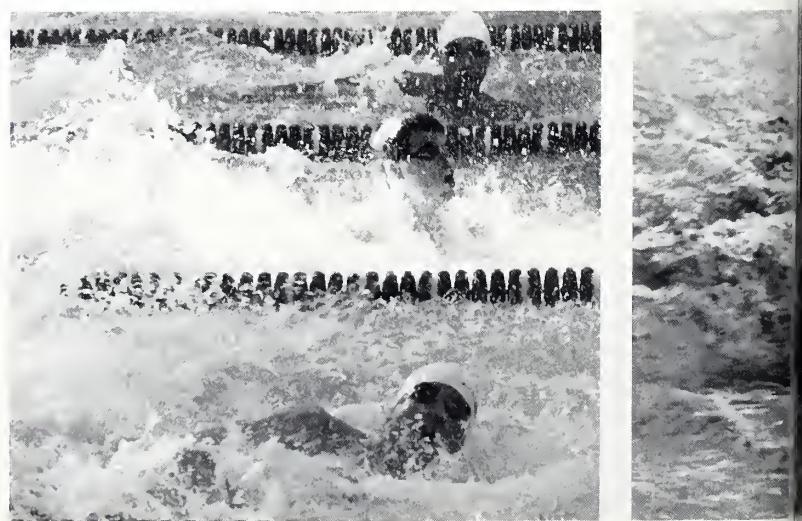
Junior, Dave Williams dives into the pool with grace and strength. The dive is very important to the outcome of the event. Dave is only one of the four members of the mens freestyle relay team.

Senior and captain of Fairmont State swim team, Mendy Baird looks on as she concentrates on how her team mates are doing. Mendy not only worries about her event, the mile free style, but she also takes time to support and encourage the other swimmers.



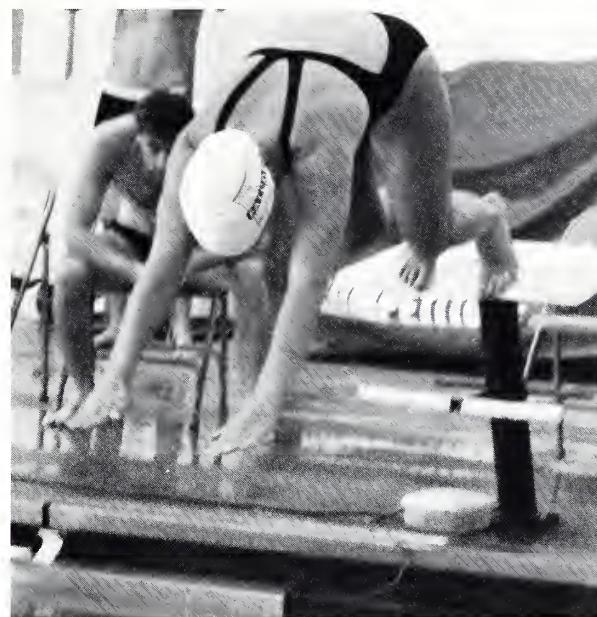
Doug Zeier steams through the water doing the back stroke during a swim meet here at FSC. Doug, a junior on the mens team, shows much skill during the race. He is just a few strokes behind his opponent as the race winds down.

Amy Deglau shows the perfect freestyle form. Amy's head is turned and looking up to take a breath. Amy is a sophomore on the womens team and also swims the 100 m butterfly and the 200 IM.





Whitney Davis, senior and team captain, dives into the water with ease and precision. Whitney swims the 100 m free style, 100 butterfly and the 50 m free. She is one of the eight women on the team.



Matt Nemoseck is swimming one of the strokes from the 200 meter IM, the back stroke. The 200 IM consists of swimming 50 meter of each of the four strokes. The breast and back stroke and butterfly and free also.

SWIMMING 96 - 97

November

- 1 Wheeling Jesuit
- 8-9 Edinboro Relays
- 16 WV Wesleyan
- 22-23 Allegheny college

December

- 5-7 OU Invitational

January

- 10 Westminster College
- 18 Salem-Teikyo Univ. Charleston
- 25 Slippery Rock

February

- 1 Carnegie Mellon
- 14-16 WVIA Championship

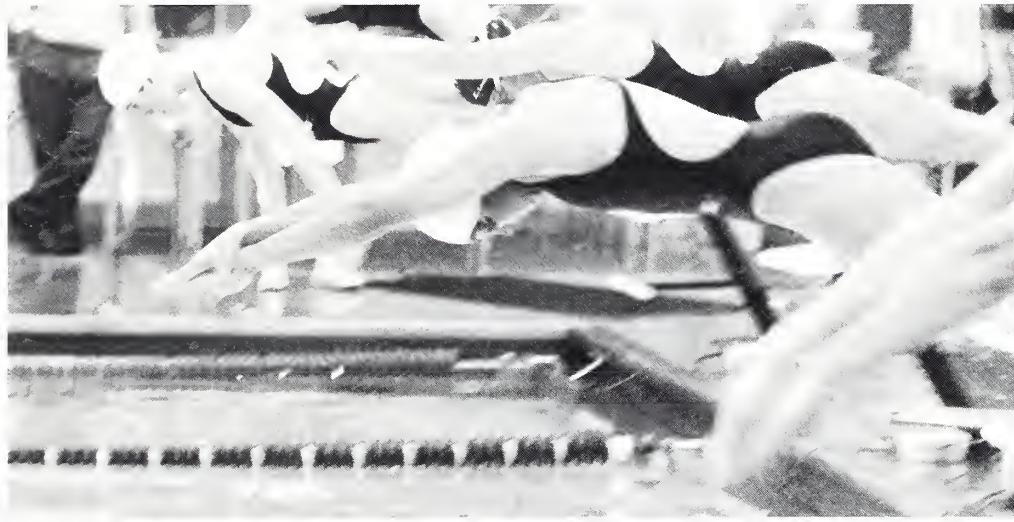
March

- 12-15 NCAA II Championship

Row 1: Pat Snively, Whitney Davis, Mendy Baird **Row 2:** Kristey Renfro, Monette Jerez, Catherine Banaza, Tori Chisholm, Helius Mucino, Amy Deglau, Amy Wilson, Billy McDonald **Row 3:** Jon Balko, Will Smith, Mark Stefl, Dave Williams, Eric Chambers, Matt Nemoseck, Doug Zeier, Kete Callahan

Billy McDonald, a junior on the mens swim team sets up and gets ready for his race. Billy swam the 100 m back stroke. Along with the back stroke he also swims in the 200 m free style relay.

FSC and WV Weslyan swimmers dive into the water with power and grace. Monette Jerez, swimming the 100 free style, has the edge on her opponents off the starting blocks. The dive into the water is one of the important elements for a swimmer to concentrate on.



Helius Mucinois stretches his arms out for his next race. Stretching and staying limber is important so that the swimmers do not pull a muscle. Helius swims the 50 m free and the 100m free.



Doug Zeier steams through the water doing the back stroke during a swim meet at the Feaster Center. Zeier went through the water with the hope of out swimming his opponent.



Jason Balko, a senior and captain of the mens team, stands on the deck of the pool getting ready for his next event. Jason swims the 100 breast stroke and 100 free style. Jason was the first swimmer to go to the NCAA from FSC in the 100 breast stroke.

Will Smith moves forward off the starting block hoping to be the first man in the water. Being first in the water could lead to being the first one out of the water. Will swam the 100m freestyle and was on the mens relay team.





Kete Callahan waits patiently on the sidelines for his chance to swim. This meet, which took place here in the Feaster Center pool, challenged each and every swimmer present. Kete is a freshman just starting at FSC.



On November 16, at the Feaster Center pool Matt Nemoseck stops to take a rest after swimming the 200 m IM. Matt is only one of 13 members of the mens swim team.

Eric Chambers a junior, on the FSC swim team comes up for air as he glades through the water. Chambers swims the 100 and 200 free style. As a swimmer he practices six days a week, some times twice a day.

Stroke by Stroke

Moving From One End To The Other

There are many different sports on the campus of Fairmont State College. The team that succeed stroke by stroke is the swim team. The members of the swim team work out every day, most of the time twice a day and give their life to the water. The 96-97 swim team traveled everywhere from Ohio to Slippery Rock. The team is lead by three seniors and team captains, Jason Balko, Pat Snively, and Melinda Baird. They are the back bone of the team. The team starts practicing in August and the season runs through March. In November the team had their first meet and in March the NCAA championship was held in San Antonio, Texas. During Christmas break the team takes very little time off for the holidays and they are back to work before anyone else. "The one thing that I love about the team and the people on it is that we have a great deal of team spirit whether we are winning or losing," said Amy Wilson a sophomore and proud member of the FSC team.

By: Christina Short

CROSS COUNTRY 96 - 97

Row 1: Lori Lemley, Christie Lott, Michell Urais, Jennifer Moses **Row 2:** Jenn Robertson, Chris Premo, Pat Twyman, Mike Strobbe, Jeremy Eastman Sarah Moses.



The Davis and Elkins Forrest Festival cross country meet leads FSC runner Jennifer Robertson through a large mud puddle on her way to the finish line. Cross Country runners sometimes had to compete in rain and sunshine.



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- 1 WVIAC Championship
- 9 NCAA Div. II



Receiving a fifth place trophy for her accomplishment at the Glennville meet is Fairmont State cross country member Jennifer Robertson. Awards like this make the hours of practice worth while for the runners. Individual awards are great, however; team awards are better.

A few members of the cross country team take a break from running at a meet in Glennville. This is just one of SC's many sports families. When certain members are running the others stand along the sideline to cheer them on.

Fairmont State joins other colleges in the WVAC state championship, cross country meet at Bluefield. Even though FSC cross country members are close together in this line, throughout the course they become separated only to meet again at the finish line.



Running for Your Goal

Over the Meadow and Through the Woods

Martha and The Vandellas made the hit song "No Where to Run." One person disagrees with that because she knows that FSC is a place to run. That person is Carolyn Crislip-Tacy. Tacy is the head coach for FSC's men's and women's cross country team. She recently finished her 5th year as head coach. Before moving to cross country, she coached cheerleading for eight years here at FSC. The hard work starts in mid August and runs through the first of November. Every week the men and the women on the cross country team under go extensive workouts. Three days a week they have long runs on roads, up and down hills, and over tough terrain. Being a member of the cross country team does not mean that you have to be an Olympic runner, but you do have to have the dedication and work hard at what you are doing.

By: Duke Dodd

Row 1: Asst. Coach Paula Cook, Krici Hobbs, Jenny Fleming, Candiee Freeman, Heather Bryant, Dee Corder, Natalie Harris, Amy Watson, Kelly Anderson, Dianne Daetwyler. **Row 2:** Coach Kristi Kiefer, Ginnina Farmer, Lori Schmidt, Erica Gorby, Jamie Smith, Julie Harman, Amanda Neill, Amy Westfall, Janet Oerly, Amber Martin.

The Falcon cheerleading squad line up and begin a new cheer. The cheerleaders put a lot of time, energy and hard work practising to become a good cheerleader.



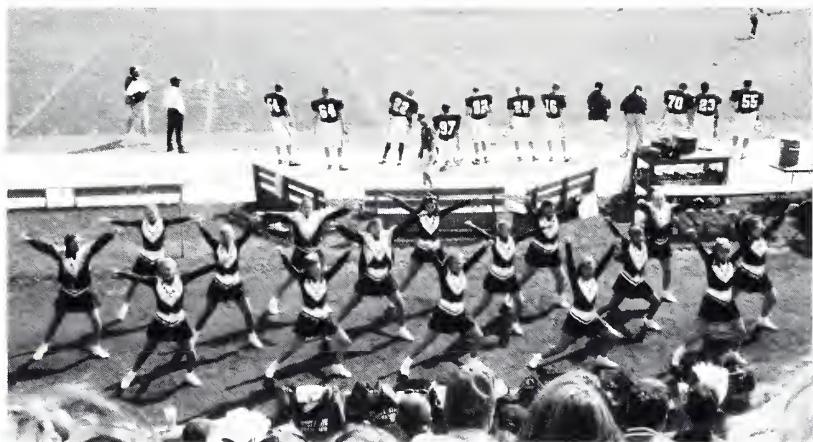
The Fairmont State Cheerleaders move over to the student section to get the crowd more involved. It is hard to keep everyone's attention when the Falcons are winning 26-0.



Before the start of the second half of a football game the cheerleaders get together to organize for the rest of the game. The FSC cheerleaders hard work and organization paid off when they placed third in national competition.

The FSC cheerleaders usually travel with many of FSC's different sports. Their presence at these competitions encourage the teams with their spirit. They also travel to competitions for cheerleaders. Many hours are spent practicing to be able to perform in unison.

During the Homecoming game at Rosier Field the FSC cheerleaders attempt to raise the fan's spirit by performing a cheer. With their help the FSC teams can hear the screaming fans all the way to the field or court. Anyone can show their spirit, but it takes a cheerleader's flare to make it more special.



Spreading Their Spirit

Attitude is Everything and More

A sport that is sometimes over looked from the rest is cheerleading. It is a part of the traditional athletics in our culture and at FSC. They cheer for football games, basketball games, and they also have their own competitions. In the competitions they compete in gymnastics, dancing, cheering, building human pyramids and much more. With a season lasting from August to May, this squad is very dedicated and full of spirit. The FSC cheerleading squad participated in the UCA Nationals in Orlando, Florida and West Virginia State Cheerleading Competition in Charleston in March. It is important not to forget the cheerleaders. They spend many hours training and practicing for their regular season and competition routines. It takes a lot of time. It's very hard work. We are like a family," said freshman cheerleader Kelly Anderson, "A group of sisters who spend a whole season together."

By: Angel Hill

A freshman guard from Cincinnati Ohio, Vadda Stephens flies over members of Shippensburg's Red Raiders to make the shot. This match-up was part of the Holiday Inn Tournament on November 15.



Clair Volker jumps above Wheeling Jesuit players during their match-up at FSC's Feaster Center in February. These two teams meet at least two times in one year, once in regular season play and again in tournament play.



Clair Volker uses the net to help him amaze the crowd and opponents from West Virginia Wesleyan. When one does slam dunk it, he usually is met with cheers and screams.

Concord College Mountain Lions try to keep number 43, Larry Miles, from succeeding in making his two point basket. FSC played Concord on January 11, 1997.





Karl Rene, a junior guard from Gaithersburg, Maryland tries to maneuver the ball under and up over past a West Virginia Wesleyan Bobcat. Rene is a physical education major at FSC.



BASKETBALL 96-97

November

- 15 Classic-Rio Grand
- 19 Point Park College

December

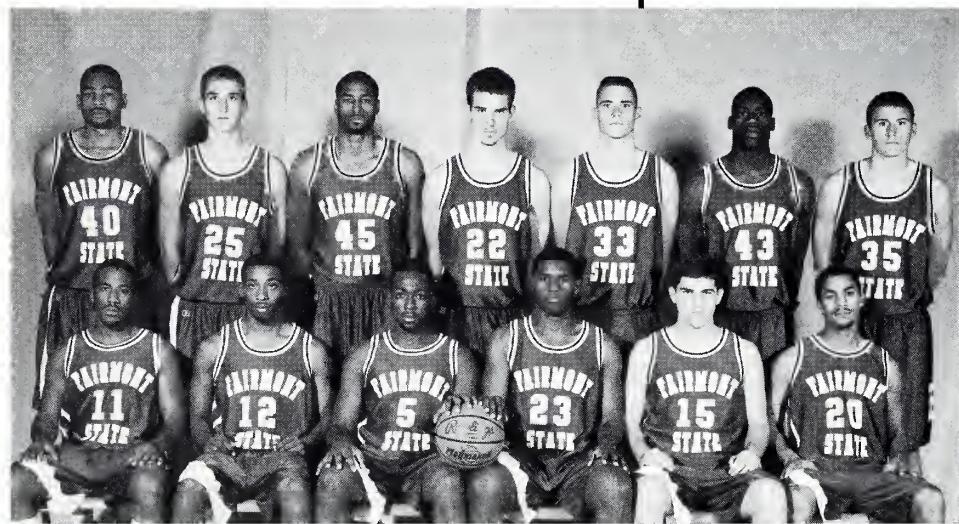
- 4 Salem-Teikyo
- 6 Bluefield State Tourn.

January

- 2 Elon College
- 4 Mars Hill College
- 8 Glenville State
- 11 Concord College
- 13 Bluefield State
- 15 WV Wesleyan
- 18 Univ. of Charleston
- 22 Shepherd College
- 25 WV State College
- 27 Wheeling Jesuit
- 29 West Liberty

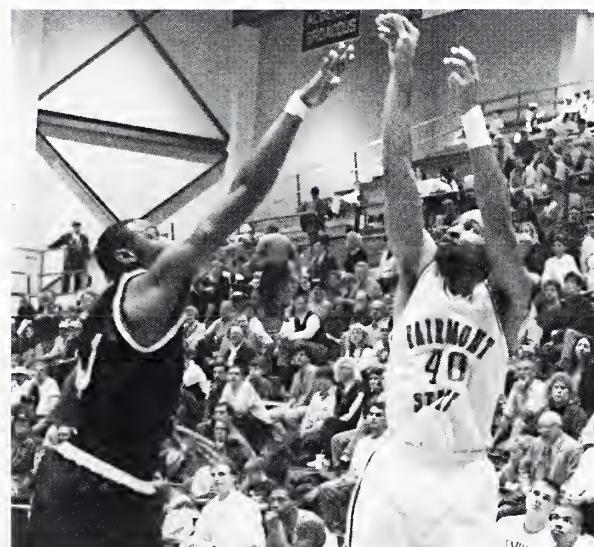
February

- 1 WV Tech
- 5 Davis & Elkins
- 8 WV Wesleyan



Row One: Karl Rene, Derek Barrett, Chris Mack, Timm Wallace, Aaron Denham, Vada Stephens.

Row Two: Maurice Bullock, Todd Stevens, Curtis Johnson, Clair Volker, Jay Conaway, Larry Miles, Eric Wilson.



Head coach Butch Haswell and assistant coach Steve McDonald go over a new game plan before sending out new players. Coach Haswell has been at FSC for four years as coach along with Coach McDonald.

- 12 Salem-Teikyo
- 15 Shepherd College
- 17 WV State College
- 19 Wheeling Jesuit
- 22 West Liberty College

March

- 24 WVIAC Tournament

Junior forward Maurice Bullock shoots over top of a Wheeling Jesuit Cardinal at the February 19 meeting at FSC's Feaster Center. Bullock is an elementary education major in the class room.

Co-captain Clair Volker flips the ball from his hand while hoping to make a basket. Volker is a senior forward who is majoring in computer science and is from Marysville, Michigan.

Junior Chris Mack prepares to pass the ball to a teammate in a safer zone. Mack is a guard from Brooklyn, New York and is majoring in business and computer science.



Shooting for two, Maurice Bullock leaps over the Wheeling Jesuit Cardinals. The Fairmont State Fight Falcons also played the cardinals January 27 at Wheeling. These basketball players have a very difficult schedule that they have to live up to.



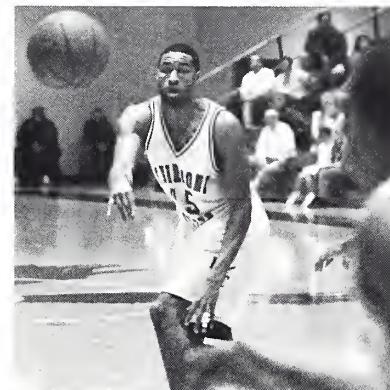
Sophomore guard Aaron Denham passes the ball to Maurice Bullock as he is approached by a West Virginia Wesleyan Bobcat. Denham is from Morgantown, West Virginia and majors in civil engineering.

Maurice Bullock reaches higher and higher in order to slam the ball into the basket. One advantage of being able to slam the ball is that you end up with a winning season as FSC did, 6-6.





Larry Miles goes up for a shot while other members of his team and the opponents from Wheeling Jesuit wait to see if he makes or misses the shot. Miles is a forward and a sophomore from Fairmont, WV.



A West Virginia resident, Curtis Johnson passes the ball to one of his teammates before he is faced with his opponent trying to take the ball from him. Johnson is a center for the FSC basketball team.



Larry Miles shoots from underneath the basket to help put the Fighting Falcons over Wheeling Jesuit. Shots like this that are successful make the effort most rewarding.



Starting Over

New Faces on the Roster

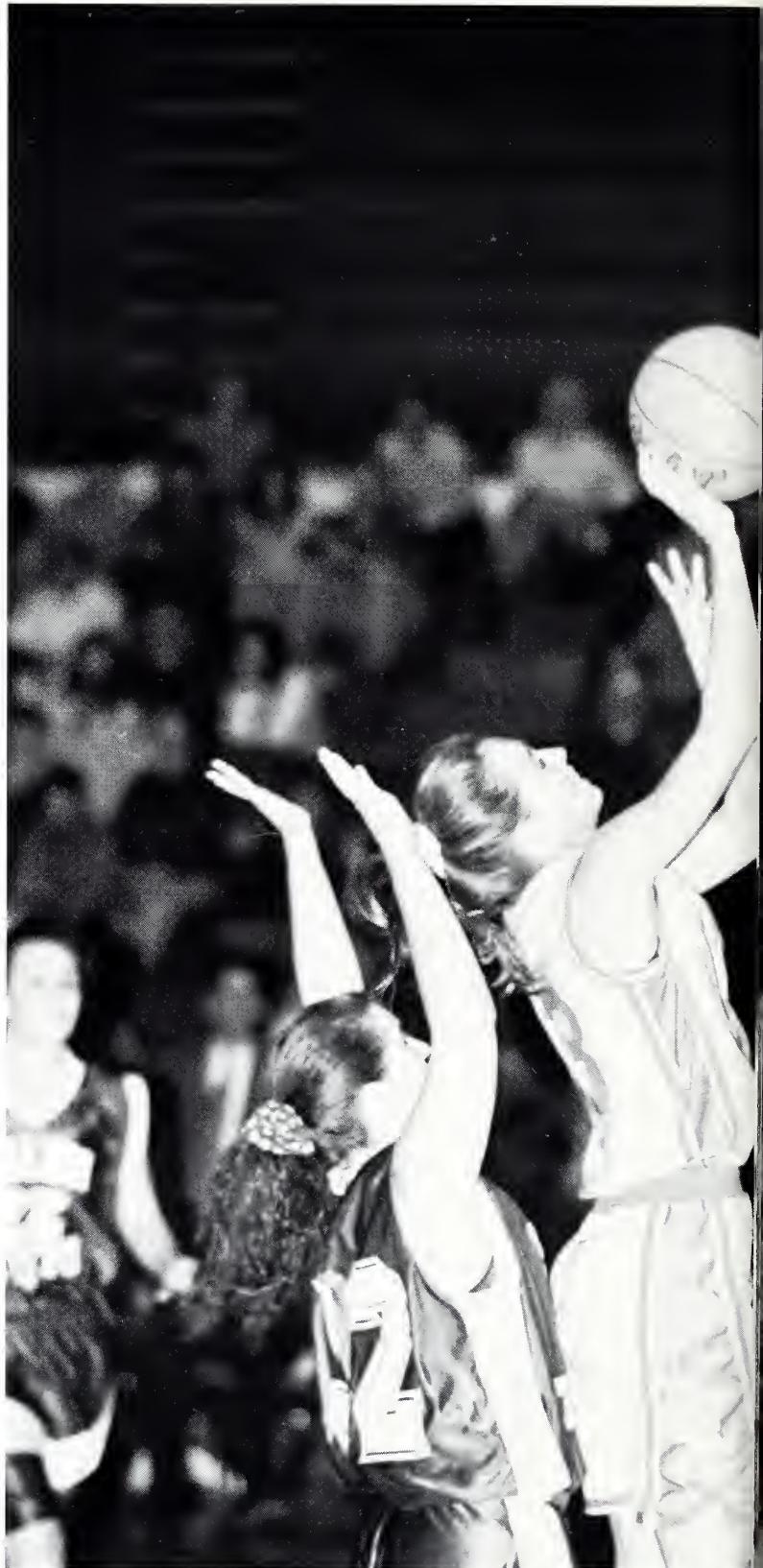
After losing nine seniors, the FSC Falcons find themselves going to new scorers. Maurice Bullock, a junior forward who averaged 12.1 pts a game and 10.7 rebounds. Bullock is assisted by two year starters Perrick Bannet and Clair Volker, a guard and a 3pt threat. After the first ten games of the season you could tell a big difference from one season to the next. Barnet found himself looking for someone to give him that assistance to keep this team alive. Bullock was the biggest answer to the question. Also Vada Stephens, Chris Mack, and Dewayne Fitzgerald had impact on the league. Stephens and Mack were guards for the team while 6'8 Fitzgerald was a major key for the team. The first tournament game was held at the Feaster Center against WV Wesleyan. That was the first step in the fight through Charleston. The Falcons headed to Charleston looking for victory, but came up short. The Falcons ended their season saying good-bye to Bannet and Volker with an 18-12 winning season.

By: Molly Mathews



Terri Lovejoy strives to keep control of the ball when she is up against Salem Teikyo's Lady Tigers. Lovejoy is a co-captain at FSC and has also played at Concord College.

Kristen Carper leaps at the basket hoping the ball will be coaxed to go through it. Kristen is an elementary education major here at FSC.



Terri Lovejoy jumps above other players to possibly make the shot in the basket. Lovejoy not only plays basketball for FSC, she is a management/marketing major.

A freshman guard from Fairmont, Mikell Vincent looks for someone to throw the ball to as she is face to face with an opponent. The pass can be just as important as the shot in some cases.





Debbie McIntosh knocks the basketball from a Lady Hilltopper's hands in an attempt to gain possession of the ball in doing so one must be sure not to cause a foul.



Kara Morris fights for possession of the basketball from a Lady Hilltopper of West Liberty State College. FSC played two games against West Liberty this season: first on January 29 at FSC and February 22.



BASKETBALL 96-96

November

- 15 Classic-Rio Grand
- 19 Point Park College

December

- 4 Salem-Teikyo
- 6 Bluefield State Tourn.

January

- 2 Elon College
- 4 Mars Hill College
- 8 Glenville State
- 11 Concord College
- 13 Bluefield State
- 15 WV Wesleyan
- 18 Univ. of Charleston
- 22 Shepherd College
- 25 WV State College
- 27 Wheeling Jesuit
- 29 West Liberty

February

- 1 WV Tech
- 5 Davis & Elkins
- 8 WV Wesleyan

Row One: Jaclyn Cooper, Andi Aniels, Heather Contragueviro, Kara Morris, Nikki McGinnis, Tammy Weaver, Terri Lovejoy, Kristin Carper, Mikell Vincent, Maggie Britvec.

Row Two: Debbie McIntosh, Kristen Pollock, Stacie Hickman, Jenny Kisner.

- 12 Salem-Teikyo
- 15 Sheperd College
- 17 WV State College
- 19 Wheeling Jesuit
- 22 West Liberty College

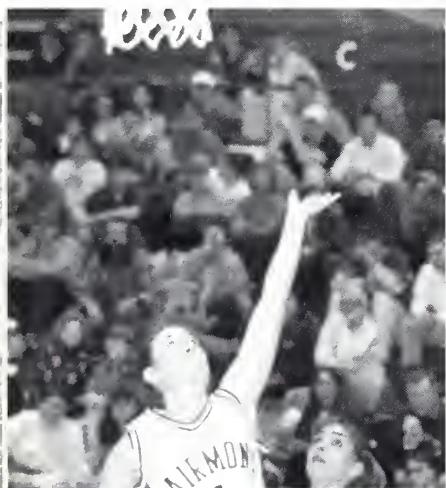
March

- 24 WVIAC Tournament

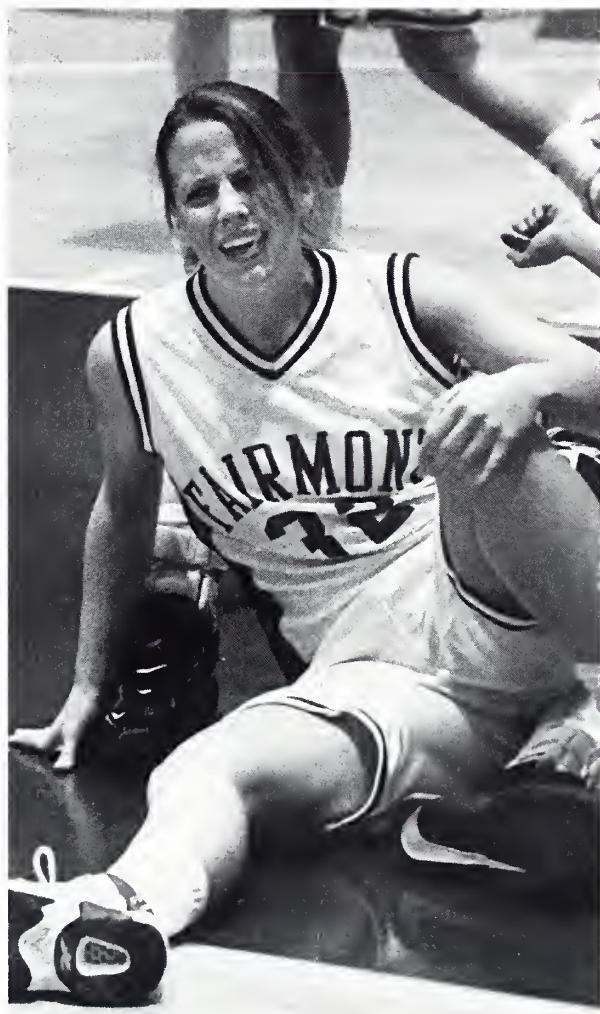
West Virginia native Terri Lovejoy, a senior guard, shoots to the basket during a game against Salem Teikyo which started on December 4.

Coach, Jim Brinkman yells to encourage the Lady Falcons as they move down the court. Coach Brinkman is in his twelfth year in the position of Head Coach of the lady basketball team.

A Fairmont State College Lady Falcon goes up against two members of the opposing team. Setting up for the shot is an important part of making the shot and leads to a higher scoring average.



Maggie Brituec, a junior, leaps above a Lady Hilltoppers from West Liberty State. Maggie is a guard from Jacks Run, West Virginia and majors in accounting and business.



After falling, Debbie McIntosh grabs her knee as she gets up and back in the game. Debbie is a sophomore guard from Grant Town, West Virginia.

Kara Morris, a freshman center from Laualette, West Virginia, shoots toward the basket as a Lady Tiger from Salem-Teikyo yells in disappointment. This game was held December 4th at Fairmont State.

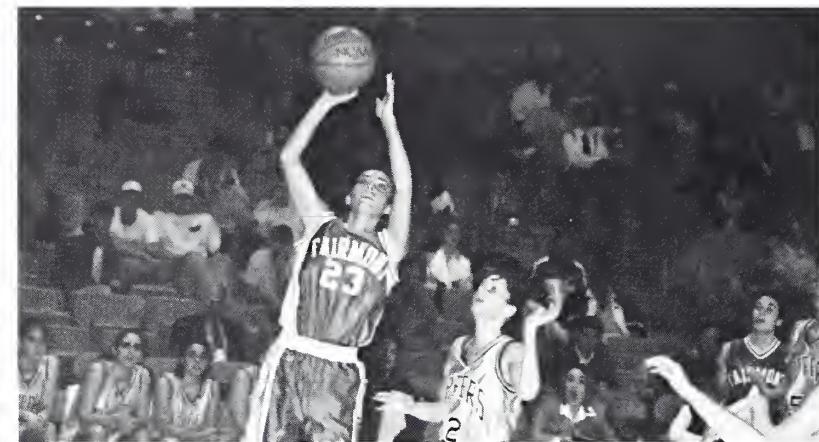




The members of Fairmont State College's Lady Falcon basketball team listen to the game plan for the next half of the game. Strategy is very important not only for other sports, but basketball as well.



Fairmont native Kristen Pollock jumps to push the ball further up and to the basket. Kristen is a freshman forward and undecided about her major.



Co-captain Terri Lovejoy shoots the ball to the basket while her teammates assist in guarding the opponent from keeping her from the basket. Team work is very important in a successful year.



Outstanding Start

Never Letting Up from Beginning to End

The Lady Falcons started their season being picked 8th in the preseason polls. Starting the season right, freshman sensation Karri Morris averaged 13.7 points per game and 8.6 rebounds. Morris and Terri Lovejoy were picked for the all tournament team this season. The Lady Falcons started their season on Nov. 15 against Shippensburg in which they were unsuccessful. The biggest stepping stone for the Lady Falcons was the victory against Salem-Teikyo on Dec. 24, because Salem was last year's champ of the conference. The regular season games were over and left the ladies with a 16 and 10 record. To start the tournaments they left the first message with Salem-Teikyo by defeating them 63-58, and the second was sent to Bluefield State. The Lady Falcons then faced West Liberty where they lost 67-75. The Falcons finished 4th in regular season and held their heads high. Lovejoy and McGinnis were then named first team all conference.

By: Molly Mathews

VOLLEYBALL 96-97

The Lady Falcons volleyball team listens to the game plan for their next match at Fairmont State College's Feaster Center. Having a strategy is a good way for the whole team to work toward the same goal.



September

- 1 "We Spike It" Tourn.
- 4 West Liberty State
- 6 Edinboro University
- 12 Concord College
- 20 Liberty University
- 25 Wheeling Jesuit

October

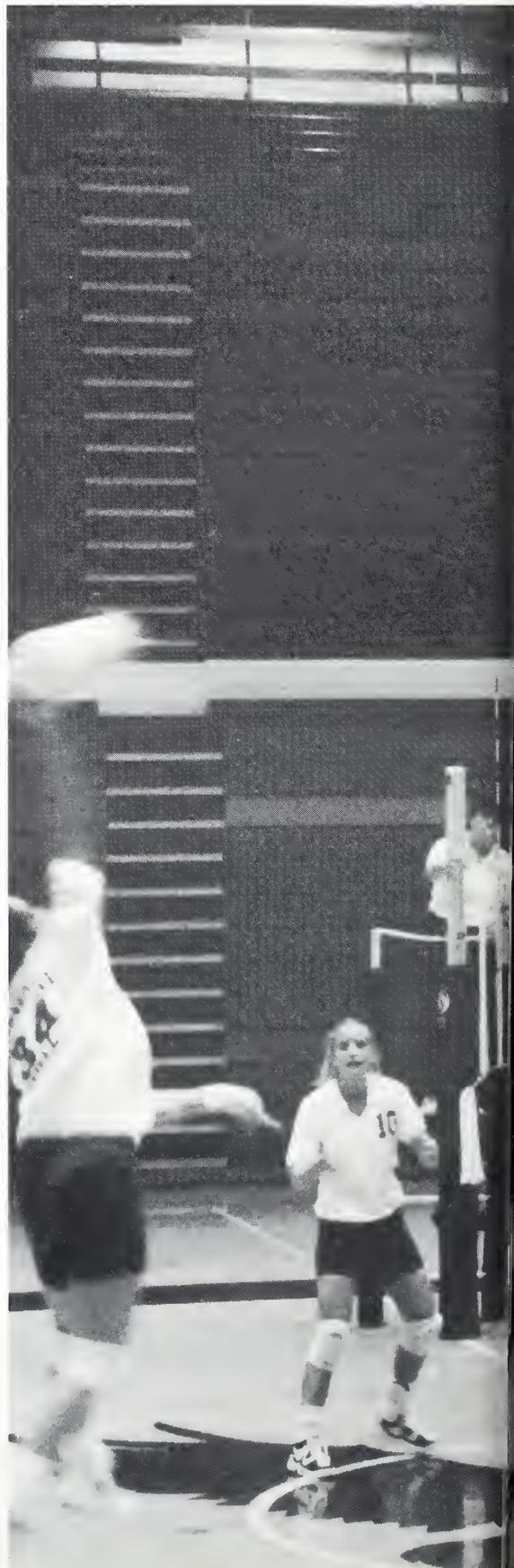
- 1 Shepherd College
- 3 Indiana University PA
- 5 PA/WV Challenge
- 8 Alderson Broaddus
- 11 California University
- 16 University of Charleston
- 18 Glenville State
- 20 WVIAC North
Regional Quad
- 25 Elon College Invitational
- 29 WV Tech/WV State

November

- 1 Clarion University
- 6 WV Wesleyan
- 9 Salem-Teikyo
- 15-17 WV Conference Tourn.

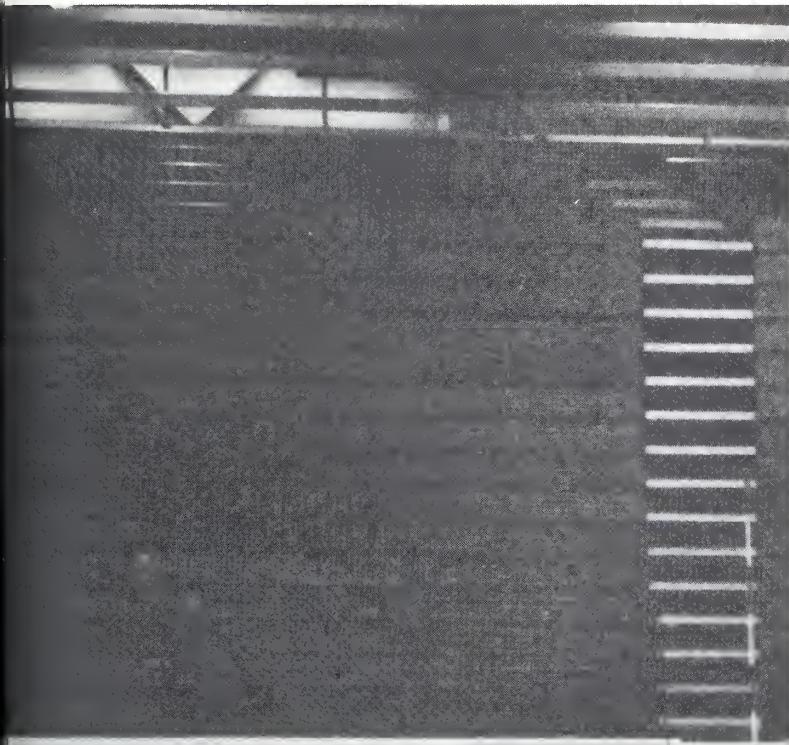
December

- 5-7 NCAC Nationals



After her serve, this FSC volleyball team member will take her place in line with her other teammates. Having only six team members on the court at one time leaves everyone with more than one job.

At the Feaster Center members of the lady Falcons volleyball team spike the ball to the other side of the court. Spiking the ball is only one skill that a good volleyball player has to have.



After the ball is returned by the opposing team the FSC players get ready for the ball to come back to them. Being ready for the ball is an important part of playing your best.



Breaking Records

Making New and Improved Traditions

Lady Falcons, a net, and a ball? No, it's not some new circus act, it's Fairmont State's Fighting Falcons women's volleyball team. As their tradition continues, they set up for their 1997 season with the annual "We Spike It Tournament," hosted during the Labor Day weekend. At this tournament, though, Fairmont State took home a runner-up title. Junior Courtney Fouchman set a new school record, which was held by Teresa Haggerty in 1993 of 31 kills, of 34 kills, a definite change. Coach Larry Hill was confident that with transfer students and veterans they would, "... in the end come out on top." The new members and new record-breaking year proved to be the change for the Lady Falcons women's volleyball team. No matter if they won or lost this season, the Lady Falcons can never change the winners they are to the campus of Fairmont State College.

By: Molly Mathews

MEN'S TENNIS 96-97

Row 1: Andre Langlois, Scott Pullium, Uriah Moats.

Row 2: Rod Anselene-coach, Scott Reed, Curtis Anderson, Patrick Robinson, James Frum, Craig Leech.



Andre Langlois and Scott Pullium work together to keep the ball from going out of bounds. Playing doubles is a good way to show teamwork.



February

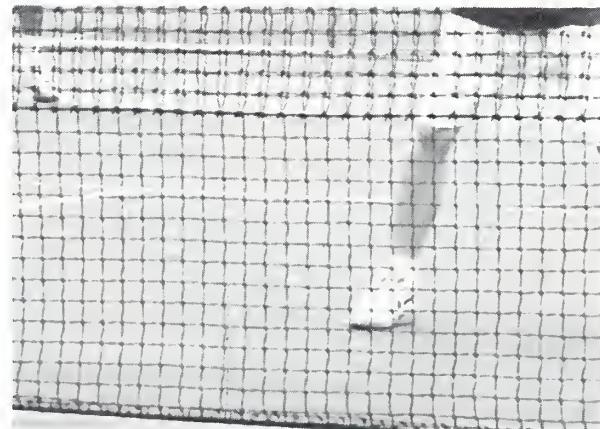
26 Virginia Military
26 Longwood College
28 Davis & Elkins College

March

12 WV Wesleyan
15 Davis & Elkins College
15 WV Institute of Tech.
17 Salem-Teikyo
19 University of Charleston
22 West Liberty State

April

2 Frostburg State
3 Davis & Elkins College
5 Slippery Rock
9 WV Wesleyan
12 Grove City College
13 Concord College
13 Bluefield College
16 Salem-Teikyo
19 University of Charleston
19 WV State College
20 Shepherd College
24 WVIAC Tournament



After slamming the ball to the other side of the net, FSC tennis team member, Curtis Anderson moves quickly so he will be ready if the ball comes his way. A tennis player must to be able to move fast and stay on his toes.

Scott Pullium slams the ball across the net to a team member, in warm ups before a match. Warming up and practicing is a way for the team to keep up with the other teams.



Patrick Robinson and James Frum both attempt to send the ball across the net at practice at the Feaster Center tennis court. Practicing with teammates helps improve all of the team members' skills.



Serve's Up

Individually Making Progress

John McEnroe and Andre Agassi. Sure they're tennis players, but they're not FSC Fighting Falcons tennis players. This year, along with coach Rod Anselene, eight young men made up the team. The men finished their season 7-9. They began their fall season practice by running and lifting. When the spring arrived they played in several tournaments such as the Virginia Military Institute. There have been many changes for this team and though everything is based on individual statistics, they come together to make a whole team. In the West Virginia Conference two single players made it fourth and sixth in the semi finals. The most defined change was moving from sixth place in the WV Conference last year, to fifth this year. Coach Anselene commented on his experience here at FSC, "Since I've been here we've been in the process of rebuilding. The future is very bright."

By: Molly Mathews

A member of Fairmont State's baseball team ponders his next move. When a time-out is called it gives the players time to rest and to think about the rest of the game.

One member of FSC's baseball team gives his team mate a word of encouragement before he is up to bat. Pep talks are a great way to boost a player's confidence.



FSC infielder Brad Harker steps backwards in order to catch the ball for the out. Harker also puts his hand over his glove to keep the ball from falling out.

A Fighting Falcon lifts his glove towards the sky in order to catch a ball in its way to the outfield. One must be quick to move if one wants to get an out.



BASEBALL 96-97

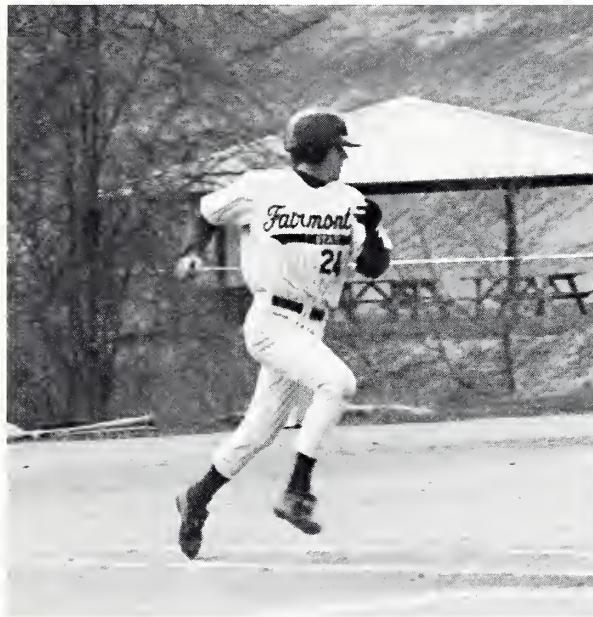
March

- 1 University of Pittsburgh
- 2 St. Bonaventure
- 3 Philadelphia Textiles
- 4 Flagler College
- 5 Philadelphia Textiles
- 6 North Florida
- 8 St. Vincent
- 9 St. Vincent
- 14 Geneva College
- 15 Point Park College
- 16 Slippery Rock
- 19 Mercyhurst College
- 20 Gannon University
- 25 Shepherd College
- 29 West Virginia Tech

April

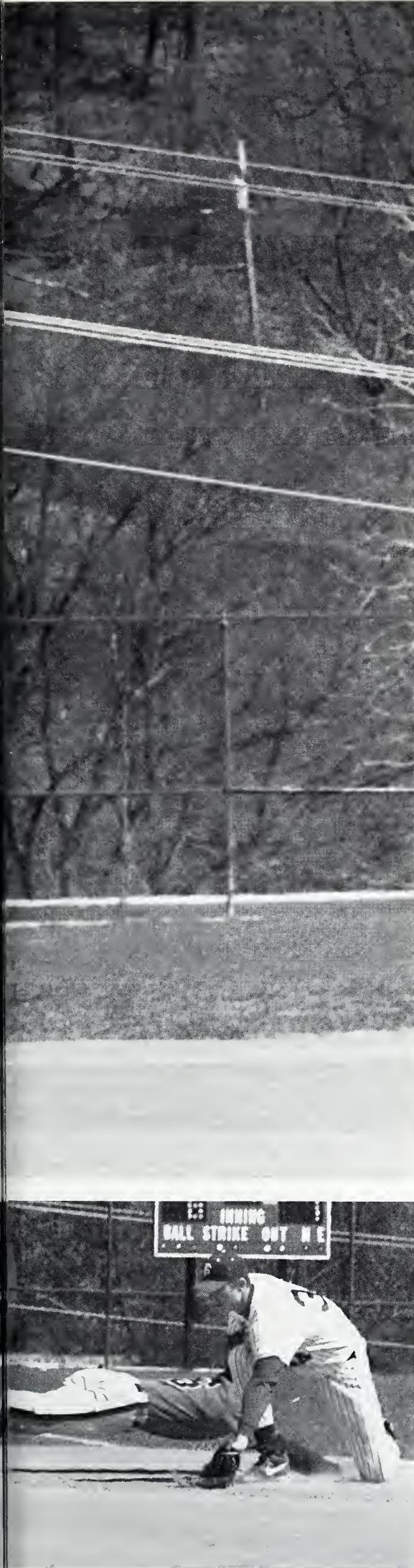
- 2 Salem-Tekyo
- 5 Bluefield State College
- 8 Davis & Elkins College
- 11 WV Wesleyan College
- 12 University of Charleston

This FSC Falcon runs with form and speed to make it to the next base. To make the short sprint between the bases takes skill that a good player has to have.



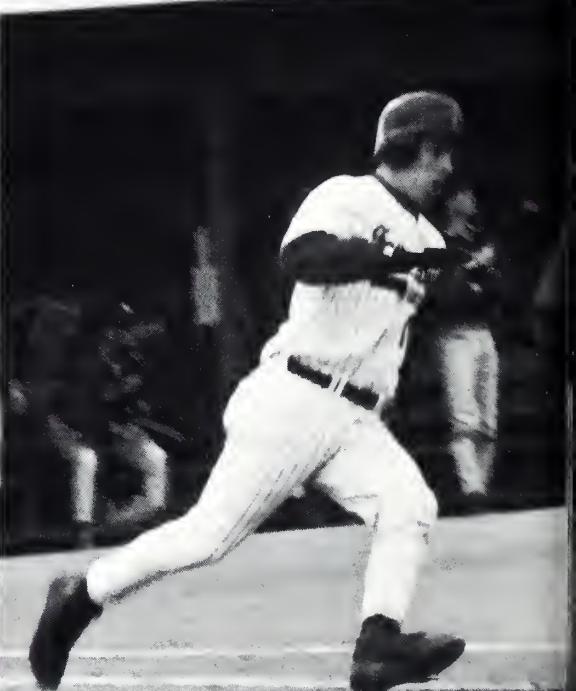
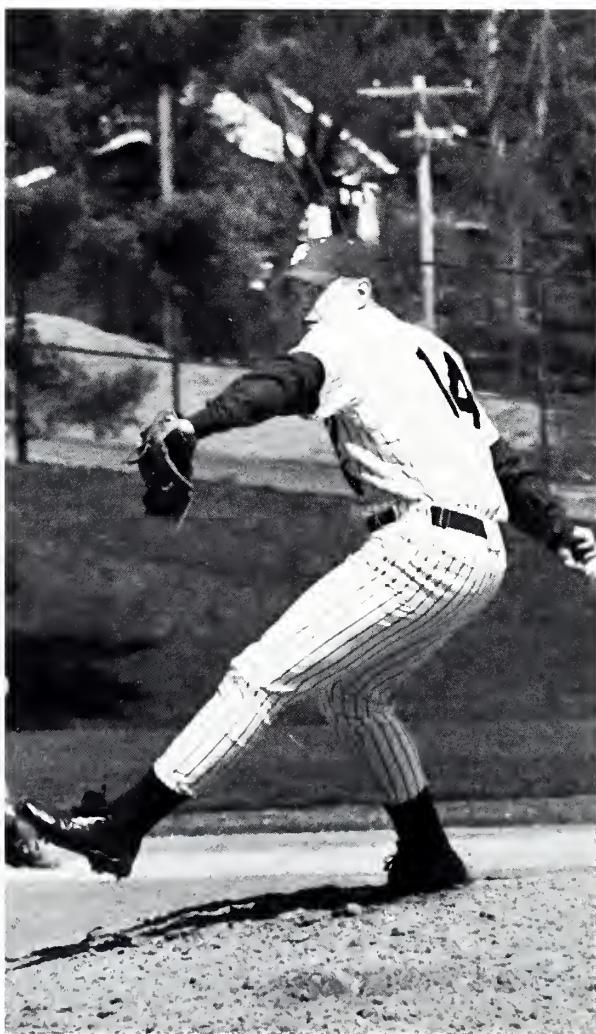
As an FSC Falcon catches the ball from the ground, an opposing team's member dives for base. If another out is called the Falcons can keep their one-run lead.

Wearing catcher's gear to protect himself, an FSC player has his arm ready to catch the next pitch that comes to him. A catcher's eyes have to be ready all the time because of the shield blocking some of his vision.



A member of the FSC baseball team slides into home a few seconds late from making the score. Sliding is one of the most exciting parts of a baseball game.

Brad Harker tosses the ball back to the pitcher at the end of the play. It is best, after a play, to get the ball back to the pitcher as soon as possible so the base runners have to stay on base.



A Fighting Falcon leads off the base hoping for a good lead when the ball is hit or a steal when the opposing pitcher is not looking. Steals and leads can be helpful in making it to home plate.

Preparing to pitch the ball across the plate to the batter, a Fighting Falcon cocks his arm back to give it more power and accuracy. To be able to pitch the ball one has to have a good wind up and a strong arm.

With much force a Fighting Falcon pitches the ball toward the opposing batter. The pitcher has other responsibility, like catching the ball, throwing out runners, and keeping one eye on the entire field.



After an FSC Falcon smacks the ball he runs with a lot of speed and power. The challenge is to make it to one of the bases before being called out.



One of FSC's baseball players throws a few practice pitches to the team catcher. One must know what type of pitch to throw and practicing helps.



As number 24 of FSC's team hits the pitch from the opposing team's pitcher, the pitcher prepares to catch the ball. As soon as the ball is hit, it is a scramble to see who will catch it.



Driving It Home

Attitudes Striving for the Top

This year's team was headed by a new coach, Fairmont native Donnie Retton. The Falcons started off with an attitude that will send out a message through the league. Leading them off that season were senior Shawn Reed and Brad Harker, and junior Mike Dotson. Reed plays shortstop and outfield while Harker plays second base and Dotson plays catcher. These three individuals had the winning concept that started them off on a positive note. They had a roster of 21 individuals who can withstand the pleasure of being one of the top teams Fairmont State has had in a long time. The new coach gave this team the spark they needed to be successful this year and in years to come. The season opened with the University of Pittsburgh on March 1, and ended on April 26 against West Virginia State with the thrill of the playoffs that would tell all about the season.

By: Molly Mathews

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SOFTBALL 96 - 97

The FSC Softball team gathers for a pep talk before they take the field for the start of a game. A pep talk is a good way to get the team pumped up to help during the game.



March

- 6 St. Scholastica College
- 7 Olivet College
- 9 Washington College
- 10 Concord College
- 15 West Liberty State
- 18 Alderson-Broaddus
- 21 Shepherd College
- 25 Salem-Teikyo
- 27 WV Tech

April

- 2 Salem-Teikyo
- 3 WV Wesleyan
- 5 Waynesburg College
- 8 University Charleston
- 9 WV State College
- 11 Alderson-Broaddus
- 14 Frostburg University
- 15 Davis & Elkins College
- 18 Bluefield State
- 19 Bethany College
- 24,25

WVIAC Tournament



West Virginia native and Fairmont State junior, Terri Gogus, swings her bat and sends the ball flying through the air. Gogus plays second and third base for the team.

As soon as the batter connects with the ball the FSC Falcons runner will take off to get a head start on the play. Julie Forman plays both shortstop and third baseman.



Pitcher Stacy Hulett sends the ball from her place on the mound to her opponent waiting to hit it. Stacy is a junior at Fairmont State College and is from Leavensworth, Kansas.

Julie Forman attempts to steal a base while a member of WV Wesleyan looks the other way and student assistant, Angie Snyder watches her. Julie is a sophomore from Englewood, Ohio.



Not So Soft

Capable of Playing with the Big Boys

When one says the word "softball" one would think that the ladies of Fairmont State College's Lady Fighting Falcons softball team play with a ball as soft as a pillow. However, one would be wrong. These ladies had an 18 overall record by playing with a ball closely related to a baseball. This softball team consists of 17 members: student assistant Angie Snider; pitching coach, Brad Cambell; and head coach, Lori Lipscomb and finished tenth in the conference and had a record of 9 and 13. This team had one senior member, six juniors, seven sophomores, and three freshmen. These women have taught everyone at Fairmont State College what spirit really is. They also show that whatever men can do... women can do as well.

By: Molly Mathews

BOYS RUGBY-96-97



Row 1: Jed Harris, Mark Wolf, Jason Cozart, Tommy Gowen, Serguei Alexeev, Gary Bashaw, Jeff Smith, Mike Brown, John Saxon, Giles Wright.

Row 2: Tim Adkins, Mike Scott, Jason Dooley, Matt Baldwin, Tim Neal, Phil Efaw, John Triplett.



A member of Fairmont State's Chickenhawk rugby team jumps above a member of the other team. To get possession of the ball and score a goal is the whole point of the game.



A Chickenhawk team member catches the ball and prepares for a run down the field to the goal. His teammates will try to keep opposing members from him.



A Chickenhawk tries with everything he can to tackle a member of the opposing team. Those who can't tackle use muscles and all of their might.

Described as a "hoodlum game played by gentlemen" these Chickenhawks cheer as their opposing team members are tackled and they find that they have control of the ball



In the Running

Breaking Even Once More

As the changing of the leaves started, so did the sport season at Fairmont State. This change brought men's rugby out of its dormant sleep so that its fans could enjoy it once more. This year the Fairmont State College Chickenhawks were expected to be major contenders for the Division II Championship Title. Last year they finished third. They ended their 1996-97 season with a 3-3 record. The co-captains, Mike Scott, Jason Dooley, and Jeff Smith were looking forward to this season and to winning and it looks like they broke even. The only thing that has changed for Fairmont State's maroon birds, the Chickenhawks, is the teammates who come and go. But, the hard-hitting, fearless rugby games are here to stay.

By: Molly Mathews

GIRLS RUGBY 96-97

Row 1: Melissa Rud, Catherine Swiger, Christy Mace, and Amanda Banick.

Row 2: Shannon Huston, Solveig Sahhin, April Smith, Jennifer Douglas, Misty Delaugter, Babbs Steorts, and Cathy Hussmann.



Running to her goal, a rugby team member, pushed herself forward with much more force. Without a doubt, those watching were screaming with excitement.

Some members of FSC's women's rugby team tackle members of another team to keep them from Catherine Swiger, who has possession of the ball. She is attempting to pass the ball to someone in a safe zone.

Melissa Reed looks for someone to throw the ball to as she is tackled by a member of the opposing team. This was the first year for women's rugby at FSC.



A member of FSC's women's rugby team attempts to tackle a member of the opposing team and gain possession of the ball. Though some were skeptical about a women's rugby team, FSC triumphed by indeed having a team.



Making History

Breaking Even Once More

Years ago one would never find a woman on the field during a contact sport. Women, however, have proved that times have indeed changed for the better. This year at FSC the first-ever women's rugby team was started. FSC is only second to Marshall, who was the first team. Since there isn't any protective gear used, rugby has been considered primarily a man's sport, but now women have shown interest and thus Tim Rice decided to give the team a try. "This represents a great moment for women," Coach Rice said. The team's first game was scheduled for October 5 against Junialta, PA. The only bad part: they lost 41-0. The women played fantastically and "... showed true determination and courage," according to Coach Rice. Finally the women ruggers won over Wheeling University, October 19. Christy Mace made the first score in FSC women's rugby history. They won the match 15-5.

By: Molly Mathews



Higher Standards

Academics

The classes one takes and what is learned is academics. An academic is also defined as a college student or faculty member. One comes to college for many reasons, but mostly it is for an education. Classes are added, classes are dropped but all in all the academics remain. Graduation is the aspect and the highest standard that one strives for. After this goal is met, or any other for that matter, one can then make another goal and prepare to meet it. Pushing oneself to a personal limit and meeting that goal is cause to push themselves further, therefore: students see themselves reaching for their **“Higher Standards.”**

A member of the new rehabilitation major demonstrates the correct way to help someone from a wheelchair. The classes for this new major were held at Fairmont State College Clarksburg Campus.

The Newest Program

Veterinary Technology

Your puppy, Rex; your goldfish, Goldy; your kitten, Fluffy; your hamster, Lincoln; your guinea pig, Chubby; your potbelly pig, Hampton... if only you knew how to help them when they were hurt or sick, perhaps they would still be with you. Maybe as a child you were fascinated with animals. If this was the case you may have chosen Veterinary Technology as your major. Fairly new at Fairmont State College Veterinary Technology has become a popular field of study for many students. After all additional courses are taken then students can begin internships. During these internships, students can do anything from answering the phone to actual interaction with doctors. "It is great to work with the animals and with the vets, the only problem is having to put an animal to sleep. It is really sad," said Kym Termy. One main highlight of the year was coming in first place at the activities fair held during homecoming week. With kittens, rats, pigs for people to pet and even adopt, they also had baby mice. "We had found them a few days before we didn't think they would live but they did," said Jo Ann Miller. So the next time that Fluffy is sick or any other animal of yours, perhaps your will realize what a great change Fairmont State College made when they added Veterinary Technology as a major.

By: Angel Hill



Two members of a veterinary class take care of a sick rabbit. Sometimes these procedures take two people, one to hold down the animal and one to give it the injection.



Balloons, x-rays, and pet care information were presented at the Student Veterinary Technology Association's booth at the Activities Fair. The Activities Fair gave organizations the chance to show other nonmembers about them. The SVTA took first place in the booth competition.

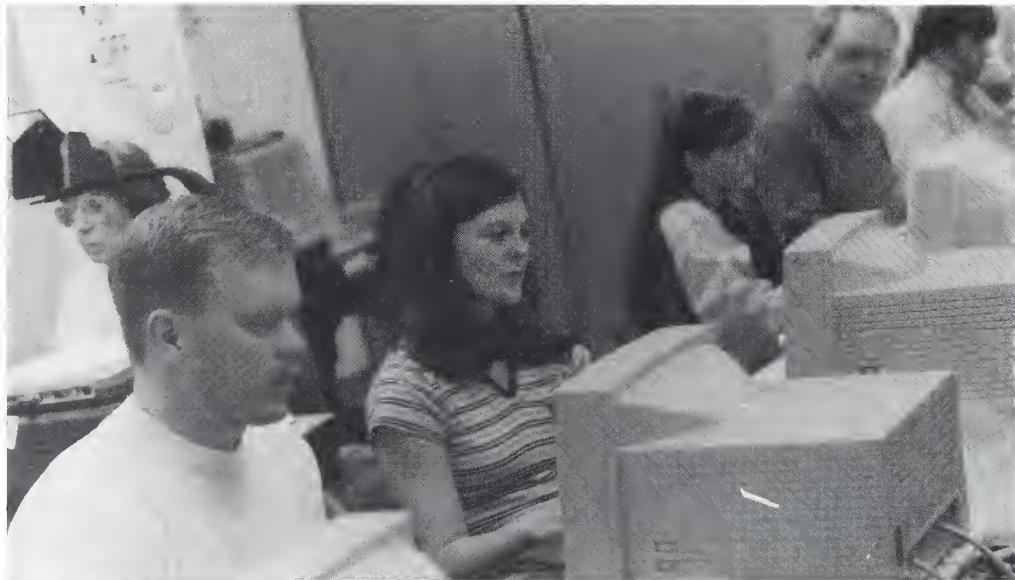


The students in Veterinary Technology have the chance to take care of rats and other animals. They also had the opportunity to examine dogs, cats, and other pets that people brought in.

One advantage of Veterinary Technology is being able to play with those animals that aren't sick, or that have gotten well from the care given to them.

A Veterinary Technology Student prepares to put a rat back into its cage without letting its friend out. Wanting to help our furry friends out is one reason for Vet. Tech.

This education professor works intensely on her computer finishing up grades before finals. Having a computer can be really handy with keeping up on grades, assignments or anything else.



Students reinforce their computer skills to help in their major. Almost everyone uses computers in their major from business to education, from art to English.

This student, majoring in education, works diligently in the computer lab. Many computer labs have been put on campus to better the education process and keep up with other colleges.



Learning to Teach

The Education Department

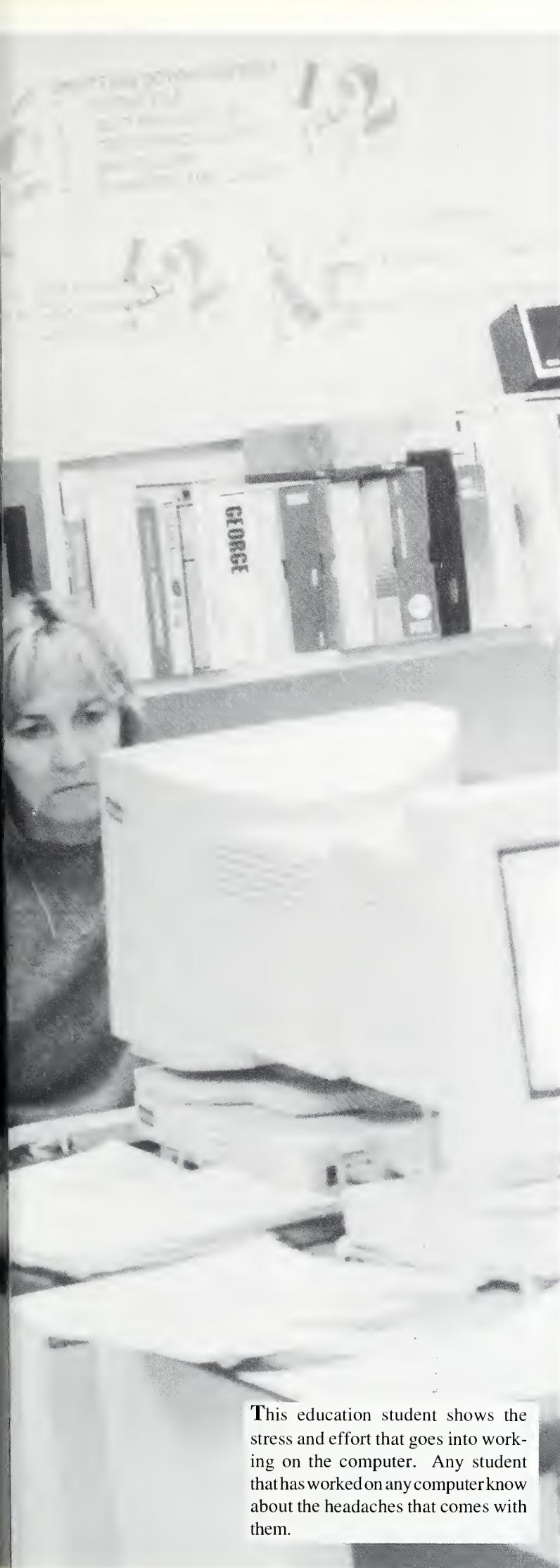
If you always like to stand in front of groups of people and explain things to them, then perhaps the education department is for you. The education department has been established since 1867. The department offers a variety of majors and specializations in the field of education. Students may choose from four different programs with two specialization or comprehensive specializations. The first program option is to teach grades 5-12 and 9-12 with specializations in many different fields. The second optional programs is to teach grades 5-12 with comprehensive specializations in many of those same fields. The third education option is teaching Kindergarten -12 with an art and music degree which does not require a second specialization. Also physical education and school library/media which does require additional specializations. The final option is teaching mathematics to grades 5-8. The education major requires a dedication and interest in working with children. Former teachers and others may help you in your decision making to choose education as your career. "I like working with children and my mom is a elementary schoolteacher. I went to a few of her classes and I enjoyed them," said Doug Zeiger.

By: Angel Hill



Three education students look into the screen, in hopes of figuring out what's next. Being educated on the computer was important to any student planning to get through college.

This education student shows the stress and effort that goes into working on the computer. Any student that has worked on any computer know about the headaches that comes with them.



Helping those in Need

The Nursing Department

Behind every successful man is an equally successful woman, just like behind every good doctor is a good nurse. Male and females alike are now assisting doctors in the emergency rooms, operating rooms, and doctor offices, therefore; since 1974 Fairmont State College has offered a two-year associate degree. It was opened in 1989 to a B.A. degree. Whether a student decides on a two year or a four year program, all students must complete clinicals. Clinicals are to teach nursing students various skills in different setting. A two-year degree requires 100 hours of clinical while a B.A. four-year degree requires an additional 380 hours. The students practice nursing clinicals at nursing homes, medical health facilities, rehabilitation centers, clinics, offices, and hospitals. Since there is a great demand for nurses, the enrollment is most usually in the high numbers. These students are also required to take general studies and support classes such as microbiology and lecture courses. "I wanted to be a benefit to other people. I figured being a nursing student was the way to go and I believe I made the right choice for my future," said Rachel Nutt.

By: Angel Hill



As her name is called, a nursing graduate walks across the stage to receive hugs, handshakes, congratulations, and her nursing pin. Knowing all of her hard work has paid off, she is finally a nurse.



Dr. Deborah Kisner tucks a nursing graduate's pin to her lapel. This is a big day for nursing students. This is also a day they have been waiting for since their start of nursing classes at FSC.



Cathy Pheasant plays her violin for the audience of friends, family, student nurses, and the nursing staff at the nurses pinning ceremony. This ceremony was also the nursing graduation.

In their new white uniforms, the student nurses wait for their name to be called to walk across the stage. They also know that when they receive their pin they have been accepted into the nursing community.



Judy Turbanic, Aletta Moffett, Sharon Bond, and Connie Moore show some of the new items added to the nursing major. These four women are on the nursing faculty.

As the band plays selections from their field show, two members of the color guard twirl flags. The swirl of colors brings the music into animation as the band plays on.

Dustin Benge plays his trumpet during the dusk bonfire held at Rosier Field, Homecoming week. Music is usually found at many of FSC's functions from football games to concerts.



As the 1995-96 Homecoming Queen takes her final walk across Rosier Field the band plays in the background. Each Homecoming the band invites graduated alumni to join them in performing.



Making the Noise

The Music Department

If You move toward the second floor of Wallman Hall you can usually hear the sounds of conversations mixed with singing, piano, or other instruments. If you walk further down the hallway you'll find yourself in the heart of the music department, the choral library. Not only does this room house countless shelves and cabinets over flowing with sheets and books of music, it is also the meeting place for the music major. Many of the people in musics group participate in different activities on campus aside from the marching band and Kappa Kappa Psi, others like Sigma Alpha Iotas sell singing telegrams on Valentine's Day. These telegrams sell for one dollar and the smile on the face of the recipient lasts forever. The Ebony Percussion Ensemble has designed its own web page. Each semester these groups practice hard every week so they are able to perform a main concert. The Orchestra performed the music for the opera "The Unicorn Weeps." This was a major step for the music department, and a major success. The next time you hear talking in that hallway, make your way to the choral libray and find out for yourself the different FSC music groups. When there is a music performance at FSC students, try to make an effort to be there. Your fellow students may very well surprise you.

By: Angel Hill



Krista Light, Corey Hamrick, and Larry Gervella sort through the canned food collected during Kappa Kappa Psi's annual "Trick or Treat so Someone Else Can Eat."

Members of FSC's jazz ensemble sell goodies, at the Education Fair, to Kat Stevens. Fund-raisers were held to raise money for trips, parties and other events throughout the year.



Laying Out the Plan

Graphic Technology

The layout, photos, and complete makeup of this yearbook were due to the graphic department. After it has been laid out on the computer, scanned to make proofs, corrected, and then printing are the steps for a graphic designer to make one page. Everything from commercial, magazines, bill boards, and even the design on your clothes is due to the graphic department. Graphic department is fairly new to Fairmont State and is also under many changes as technology advances. Graphic arts started in 1982 when the name was changed from Printing Technology to Graphic Communication Technology. One such faculty member is the only full time teacher at FSC, Larry Lauffer, Assistant Professor of Technology. Mr. Lauffer incorporates many displays and programs in his many classes. There are also five part-time faculty members. “When I began college I had no idea what I wanted to do. After being roped into the yearbook by a former editor, I realized I loved layouts and photos,” said Molly Mathews. “Now with all the computer technology there is not much demand for the type of work that I wanted to do.” However, with new technology and the ever-changing graphic program, most students get hired after graduation or during their internships while still in school.

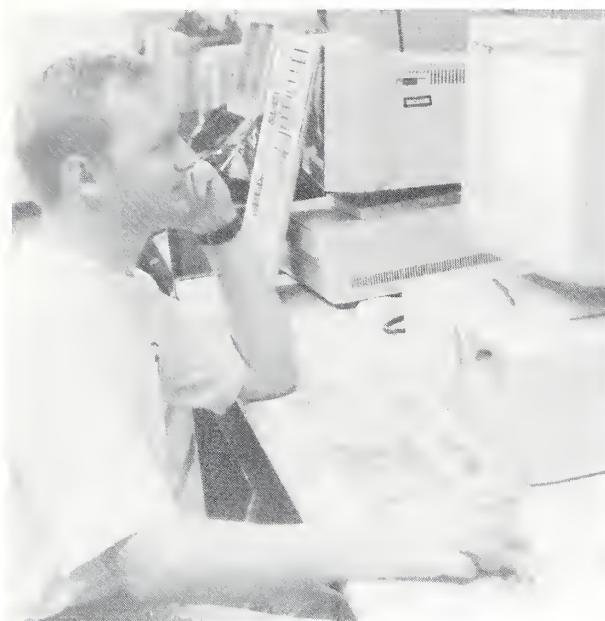
By: Angel Hill



Waiting for her shirt to be finished, this student stops to think about what to do next. Following the steps and instructions is important in screen printing, graphics, and life.



President of the Graphic Communication Association, Mark Lewis, stands back to look at the day's events, on the board, for his next class. Knowing and being aware of what is going on in class is a good way to stay on top of class work.



John Roberts, a graphic technology major, is hard at work on one of many of his projects on the computer for this semester. Computers play a major role in the world of graphics, both on and off FSC campus.

Three screen printing students stand and watch as one gives a demonstration aligning the screen to the product. These type of classes usually are more exciting for students than lecture based classes.



This FSC student is peeling back film from her screen in the screen printing class. The screen is a very important part in the process of screen printing. Graphics is not only computer but it is also hands on.



A physical therapy instructor helps a woman's shoulder by working it out to make her shoulder more mobile. These instructors have the important job of teaching the students to help others in an effective but caring way.

This therapy student is learning how to use the equipment that is provided for her to help others. Just like all other medical fields there are many different things to help the doctors to help others.



At the Fairmont State Clarksburg Campus, these students watch their instructor demonstrate how to wrap an injured knee. Fairmont State has campus and other facilities in surrounding counties to accommodate their students.



Rebuilding in Clarksburg

The Physical Therapy Major

If one of your friends has ever been hurt to the point of having to go to physical therapy, and you wish you could help, boy does FSC have a major for you. Fairmont State College has extended the vast choice of majors with the addition of a rehabilitation major, or physical therapy assistants was held in the fall of 1995, however, it received accreditation in April of 1997. Since the classes are limited to 20 applications have to be filled out separately. Once accepted to the program, the classes start in August. When one starts the classes, they must follow the order of the classes beginning from basic to the technical classes. These classes are held at Fairmont State College's Clarksburg campus. Program coordinator Beverly Borm said that since this program is so new there really haven't been any major changes. She went on to say, "There has always been a shortage in West Virginia of physical therapy assistants; perhaps this program will provide the help for the needs. The caring people who join such majors are one thing that let's hope never change.

By: Molly Mathews



One physical therapy student is learning how to help someone walk with a walker. The other students had to act as a patient would so that students can get the feel of things with a real person who is not a patient.



Physical therapy students look on at the instructor hoping to absorb all that she is saying and writing. Putting things on the board is another way for the instructor to communicate with the students and get her point across.

Debits, Stock, and Sales

The Business Department

Were you the type of child to wear out several toy cash registers? Were you the child we all saw at the side of the road selling lemonade? Can you sell an air conditioner to an Eskimo? If this describes you, then you must be majoring in business. The business department has six different branches that offer an open door into the real world. Those six branches are accounting, marketing, management, economics, computer science, and office administration. Business major Scott Kasper said about one of these six branches, "I want to be a tax lawyer, so being an accounting major will help." The business department offers a variety of studies that will carry on to local businesses, corporations, and firms. In that case, that management job at your local fast food restaurant could pay off in the future. Remember saying, "If I owned this place things would be run a lot different." If you decide on a business career, you could change the way a business is run.

By: Angel Hill



Dr. Schauptt, head of the Business Department, sorts through all of the papers on her desk. Though she had lots of papers, she has made her office her own by adding plants, vases, and other personal items.

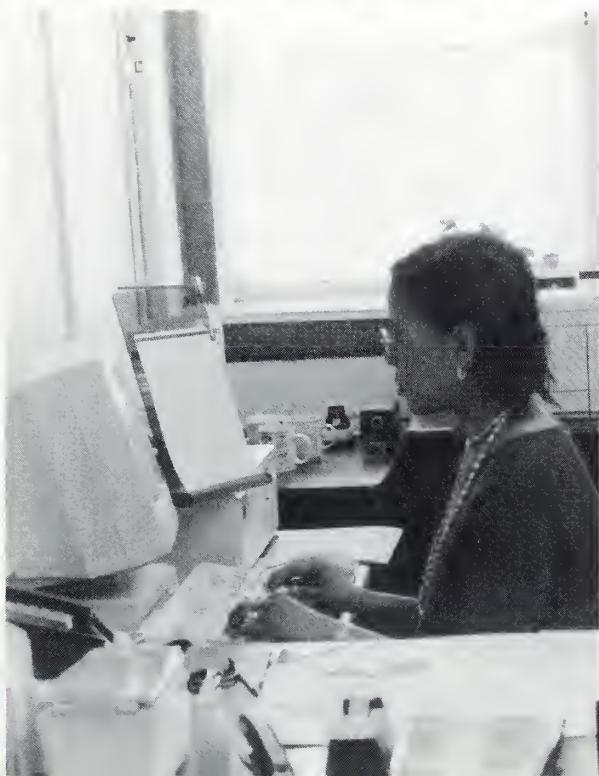


As most offices, this business office is no different. It too has a secretary. Fairmont State also has classes for those who would like to become secretaries.

Sherri Strawderman, Dr. Schaupp's secretary, pauses for a moment while doing her paper work. Secretaries are very important to many people on campus. Their help is very beneficial.



Trucilla "Trudie" Harton works on her computer in her office in the business department. Computers take much work to learn and keep up on, and much work is spent on them.





Using paint and a brush, an art student makes his work of art come to life. One has many reasons for their works, though many interpret it differently.

Barry Snyder speaks at the dedication of the James D. Brooks Memorial Gallery. Mr. Snyder teaches sculpture and art theory. Mr. Snyder is known for the sculpturer in front of the one room school house.



William Woolfit uses a pencil to capture the models' facial features. William also uses his talents as co-literary editor of The Whestone Art and Literary Magazine.



Kelly Millione takes a break from her art work as she stands outside of Wallman Hall. Many art students could be found taking their breaks outside where they can talk to other students.



Aesthetically Pleasing

The Art Department

Art is many things to different people: whether it is a painting, sculpture, photo, or anything else. Students can major in oil or watercolor painting, elementary education, or sculpture. The students can also attend shows, in the newly dedicated James D. Brooks Memorial Gallery, held by students and teachers. There, one can see the type of work a particular teacher does or how far a student has come in his or her work from freshman year to graduation. A "senior show" is one requirement of students majoring in art. Those spending vast amount of time in Wallman Hall can also join CAOS, which stands for Creative Arts Organizations for Students, and is advised by Lynn Boggess. On the front yard of the Education Building, they sell prints and posters as a fund raiser. Also even nonmembers can join CAOS to trips to Washington DC or New York City. This year CAOS joined with other Wallman Hall organizations to attend the Homecoming festivities as "Wallman Hall United." So don't worry the next time you're walking on the fourth floor of Wallman Hall and you start to get light-headed, its only paint thinner. So if you smell it, walk in and see what those members in the art department are up to.

By: Angel Hill



Charcoal, pencils, paint, pastels are all used in the many art classes offered at Fairmont State College. Art is a very popular major and the classes are usually filled to capacity.

Stephen Smigocki talks with Jeffery Poland after the formal ceremony that dedicated the gallery in Wallman Hall as the James D. Brooks Memorial Gallery.



Continued Growth Organizations

A student's major, hobbies, and even friends can influence their choice, if any, to join one of FSC's many organizations. These organizations are not only a chance to get together with friends, but they help out the community, the college, and each other. Student organizations allow every student to pursue their interests in a wide variety of fields. Honor societies require a special interest, ability, and scholastic achievement. The times that are spent with members build strong friendships that last an eternity. With these friendships comes a growth, a growth of friends and experiences. Even after graduation these organizations will provide a "**Continued Growth.**"

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Honored for Hard Work

The Technology Banquet

Everyone likes to receive awards, even if it is just a certificate of recognition. And on April 18, 1997 in Fairmont State College's dining hall, 11 of FSC's technology organizations held the annual awards banquet. Amy Lienhardt, vice-president of FSC's chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers gave the welcome. She was then followed by Lloyd Leonard, dinner, introductions, and guest speaker Phil Joy, Managing Director of US Operations of Pratt and Whitney Aircraft of West Virginia. The organizations represented were: Alpha Eta Rho, American Institute of Architecture Students, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Society of Safety Engineers, Association of Family and Consumer Science Honorary, Graphic Communication Association, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and Technology Education Collegiate Association. Before the banquet 27 members were inducted into Epsilon Pi Tau, which includes all organizations in FSC's Technology/Consumer Science. The induction was held in LRC Multi Media A. Mr. Phil Joy's speech was entitled "The Technology Industry: The Fastest Moving Industry in West Virginia. And as technology moves and grows, so does Fairmont State College and its Technology/Consumer Sciences.

Christina Short and Marc Lewis present Roger Davis with an academic award from the Graphic Communications Association. He received this award for straight A's in his graphics classes.



Dr. Leonard Colelli presents Phil Joy, Managing Director of US Operations of Pratt & Whitney Aircraft of WV, with an award at the Technology/Consumer Sciences banquet held April 18.

In addition to the welcome, American Society of Safety Engineers vice-president Amy Lienhardt also did the introduction of the guest speaker at the technology banquet.

Christina Short becomes inducted into the Epsilon Pi Tau fraternity April 18, 1997. This fraternity is the International Professional Honorary for Education in Technology. Epsilon Pi Tau includes organizations in the technology field.





Dr. Leonard Colelli gives the closing remarks at the Technology/Consumer Sciences banquet. Dr. Colelli is also the advisor of the Technology Education Collegiate Association and head of the department.

All of the 27 new members were inducted into Epsilon Pi Tau on April 18, before the Technology/Consumer Sciences banquet. Epsilon Pi Tau was founded in 1929 at Ohio State University.

Physical Education Majors Club

Row One: Kelly Oakes-Secretary, Nancy Naternicola-Treasurer, Joe Harbert-President, Monica Voit.

Row Two: Kristy Kiefer-Advisor, Emanuel Bibbs, Matt Schmuck, Chris Levier.

Row Three: Todd Utt, June Palmer, Howie Hartung.



Music Education National Conference

Row One: JD Woychic, Mike Bonyak, TJ Bean.

Row Two: Beth Anspaugh, Chirstie Malcolm.



FSC American Choral Directors

Row One: JD Woychic, Christie

Malcolm, Beth Anspaugh.





American Chemistry Society

Row One: Adam Smith-President, Crystal Garland-Secretary, Dave Williams-Treasurer.
Row Two: Monette Jezera, April Crihfield, Seth Tomblyn, Donna Sims, Cindy Spiker.
Row Three: Dr. Matthew Scanlon-Advisors, Phaedra Higgs, Jeff Pumphrey, Elizabeth Berry, Dr. Erica Harvey.



Alpha Phi Omega

Row One: Tahsha Nichols, Loretta Bever, Jennifer Kiger, Anissa Harper, Mary Frances Veltri.
Row Two: Brian Spencer, Barb Knotts, Cara Cervo, Holly Devins, Solveig Sahlin, May Doig, Jeffrey Zinn.
Row Three: Tonia Crumm, Tracy Pittman, Patricia Beer, Emily Ball.
Row Four: Brian Fleak, Deanna Heater, Christie Malcolm, Sally Alt.



Black Student Union

Row One: Memori Dooly, Samuel Patterson, April Thompson-President, Edith Higgins-Secretary.
Row Two: Eugene English-Treasurer, April Smith, Aaron Duller, Jimmy Goines, Tricia Arbogast.

Psi Chi-National Honor Society of Psychology

Row One: Beverly Thomas, Julie Ervine, Sharon Kennedy, Cheryl Bradley.

Row Two: Christian Ridenour, Phyllis Griggs, Peggy Fragmin, Nathel Baird, Dr. Bob Cameron-Advisor.



Student Veterinary Technology Association

Row One: April Bascani, Maria Boles-Secretary, Mandy Mospan-Treasurer, Katie Lepp-Historian, Anna Romano-Advisor.

Row Two: Rebecca Pictracatello, Sylvia Vignali, Joanne Miller, Ashley Anderson, Billie McCracken, Jennifer Brown.

Row Three: Melanie Gilkerson, Kimberly Rohr, Jason Strahin, Kymberley Tenney, Chelia Moore, Amy Edwards, Carri Murphy.



Honor Association

Row One: Cindy Spiker-Vice President, Sadonna Tustin-President, Beth McGinnis-Secretary/Treasurer.

Row Two: Melonie Woods, Jill Tuttle, Tim Neal, John Mason, Holly Hinerman.

Row Three: Aaron Smith, Jennifer Frame, Ericka Kincade, Adam Smith.



LIBRARY



Criminal Justice Club

Row One: Angela Hurley, Tammie Smith, Christina Ware, Darlena Swick, Billie Workman.
Row Two: Steven McRobie, Nick Openbrier, Jason Hefner, Richie Adams, Travis McBride, Mark Talkington.

Multicultural Student Advisory Council

Row One: Ryouko Noro, Dr. Eunice Green-Thompson.
Row Two: Edith Higgins, April Smith, April Thompson, Aaron Puller, Robert Jones, Tricia Arbogast.



Physical Therapist Assistant

Row One: Misty Garlow, Jay Boyd, Tony Meluzio, Karen Cyrankowski, Jennifer Tanner.
Row Two: Shawna Moore, Sheila Swisher, Kristen Hulkins, Andrea Joned, Kristi Lancaster, Jo Devericks, Denelle Nuzum.



Jazz Ensemble

Row One: Dan Fox, Paul Stalnaker, Larry Gervella, Terry Hayle, Jonathan Nicholson, Corey Hamrick.

Row Two: Charles Smith II, Shane Hixenbaugh, TJ Bean, Michael Bonyak, James Rush, Jessica Skaggs, Chris McGinnis.

Row Three: Chad Davis, Daniel Scotchie, Lisa Ranelli, Shane Finister, Michael Cale.



Society of Non-Traditional Students

Row One: Teresa Richardson-Secretary, Dan Poel-President, Sharon Kyer-Treasurer, Matthew Trout-Vice President.

Row Two: Nancy Smith, Prudence Gatrell, Mae Huffman, Sonya Carder, Barb Mayle

Row Three: Gary Huffman, Robin Johnson, Larry Sims.



American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Row One: Roger McClain, Neil Judy

Row Two: Jim Fox, Dr. David Sherren-Co-Advisor, Doug Tate, Matt Nichols.

Row Three: Matthew Prinkey, Gerald Johnson, Alan Swanson-Co-Advisor.



Student Accountant Society

Row One: Mindi Broschart, Jennifer Kiger-Secretary, Daniel Richards-President, Stephanie Shomo-Vice President, Denise Hart-Treasurer.



Student Security Staff

Row One: Rod Wilson, Phil Efaw, Tim Christopher.

Row Two: Anita Meinig, Cathy Goddard, Mendy Baird, Sarah Moses, Jessica Johnson, Brandy Collins, Todd Burke, TJ Bean, Bear Kolowsky, Chris Turner.



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Thank You,
Christina Short - Editor
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Kerri Devault and Tracy Toler smile as the annual Student Publication banquet comes to an end. Kerri and Tracy stepped in as the editors of The Columns for the spring semester.



Co-Editors Christina Short and Molly Mathews hand out appreciation certificates to their yearbook staff at the Student Publications banquet. This banquet is held every year to say thank you, or good-bye for some.

At the Student Publication banquet Jamie Crone and William Wodfitt, editors of FSC's Whestone, make their final speech. This banquet is held for all of student publications at the end of the spring semester.



John Piscitelli walks away from the podium after receiving his outstanding help for the Mound staff. John is only one of many nonmembers that the yearbook staff could not do without.



Student Publications Secretary, Pat Whiting, holds her appreciation certificate, from the Mound staff, high to show the pride she takes in her work. Pat is a vital member of all student publications, not just the Mound.

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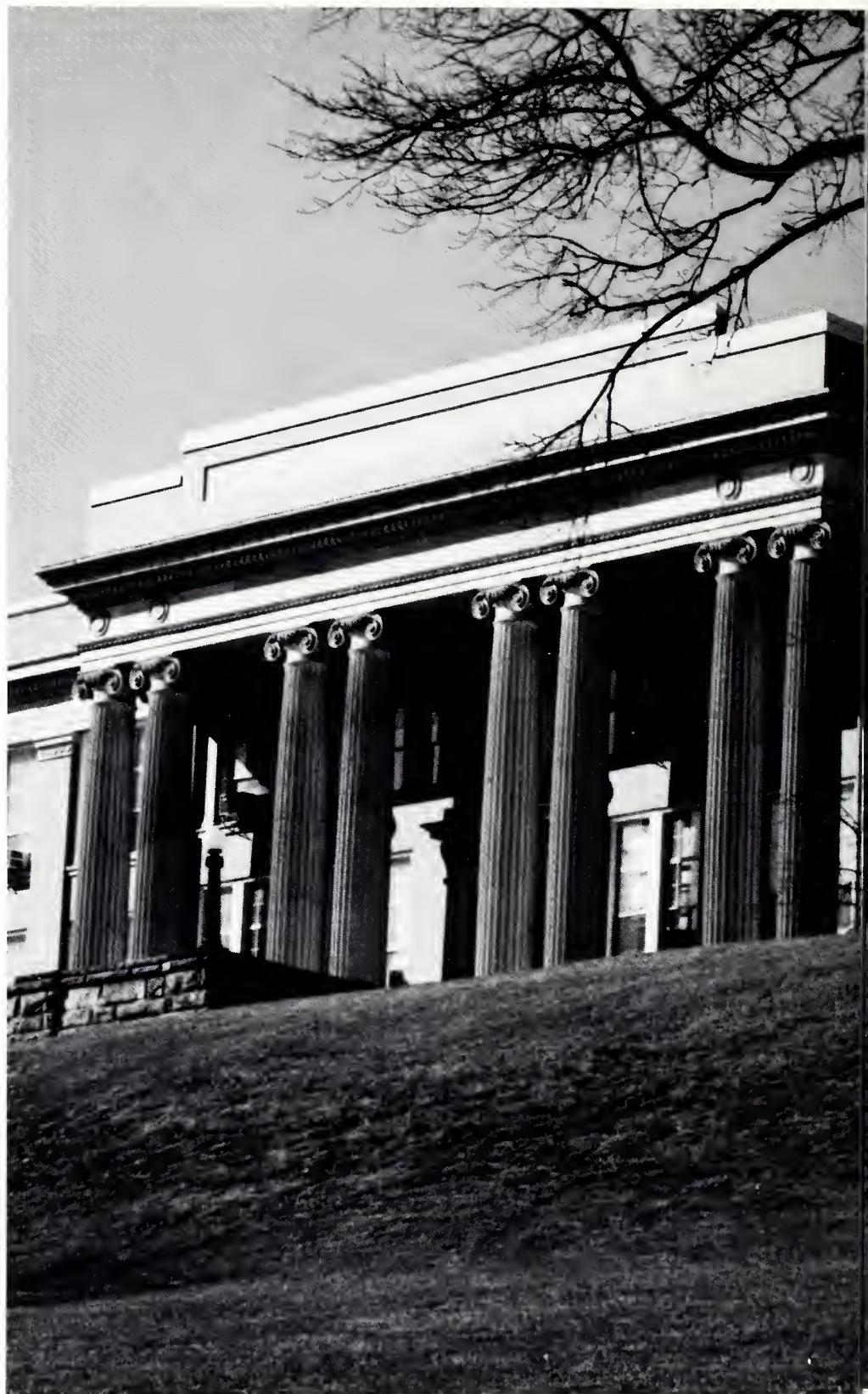


A beauty in winter, spring, summer, and fall the campus of Fairmont State College holds up to all that the weather and the students give to it. The beauty of the campus shines through in all weather.

HOW HAVE WE *Changed* ?

A couple walk down the hill from Wallman Hall. Living near campus gives many students a chance to enjoy the company of a good friend as they walk home.

The 1996-1997 school year has come to an end with all the memories of an unforgettable year in your head. The year was filled with a lot of ups and downs. Throughout the world good and bad things came and went just as they did on the campus of Fairmont State College. The year started out fresh with a brand new president in charge. With the new ideas and leadership of Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach, FSC grasped every opportunity to succeed in all they did. The football team shared the title of conference champs and the cheerleaders placed third in the state competition; those are only two of the successes that FSC took a hold of. (cont. on next page)



Wallman Hall has made the change from having step out front to now having a porch with ramps. Fairmont State College has undergone a lot of changes in the last year.



Fairmont State College not only has one campus, it has three to serve people in a lot more counties. Fairmont State also has locations where classes are offered to students at vocational centers through the local counties.

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Changes of FSC buildings, parking lots, and administration is what makes this year unique. Starting with a kitchen fire in the dinning hall and ending with a water main break above campus, still FSC survived. For some it was hard to say good-bye to FSC and for others it was hard to adjust to starting college. When saying good-bye to FSC, or another year at FSC, one must remember that saying farewell to one year is opening the door for another.

Hardway Hall, also known as the administration building, shows the maturity of the campus of FSC. Its regal columns sit majestically on top of the hill.

MOUND

1997



The 1996-1997 Mound is the 87th edition of Fairmont State College's yearbook, providing a record of campus events and organizations for the academic year through stories, photographs and captions. The Mound was prepared and edited by the yearbook staff, a student organization under the direction of the office of Student Publications, 110 Library Building. The 176— page 9 x 12 book was hardbound and printed on 80 pound stock with endsheets front and back. The offset lithography cover with matte lamination contained three inks: PMS 208 maroon, gold metallic, and black. The cover illustration was cut-away grain in Mission 1212. The cover was designed by Rick Brooks, Josten's Inc. artist. The Mound was printed by Josten's Inc. in State Park, PA.

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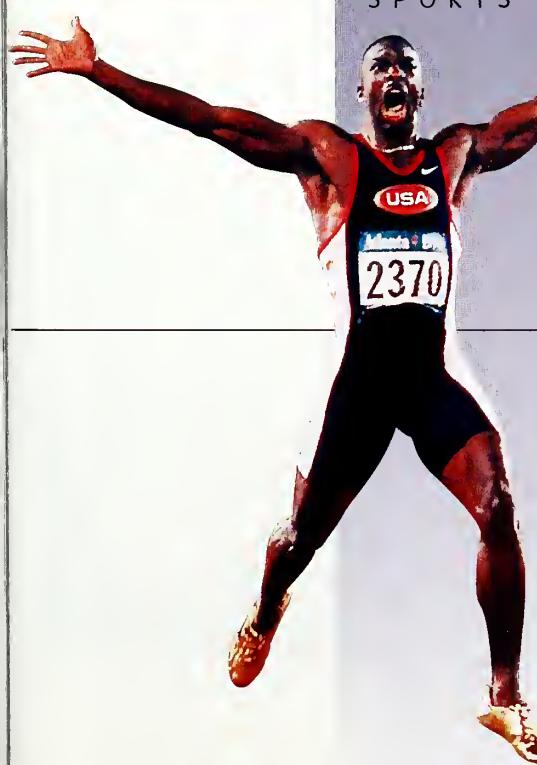
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flash

In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 36 years, Central America's longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MCI Communications for up to \$21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

A U.N.-negotiated treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.



AP/Wide World

Alja Izetbegovic, leader of Bosnia's Muslim Party of Democratic Action, is elected chairman of the country's new three-person presidency in September. The election is held in accordance with provisions of the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace agreement.

AP/Wide World



The Miss World beauty pageant, held in Bangalore, India in November, raises a storm of protests, some violent, including one by a group threatening to stage a mass suicide during the pageant's telecast. A new Miss World is crowned without incident.



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King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein's first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.



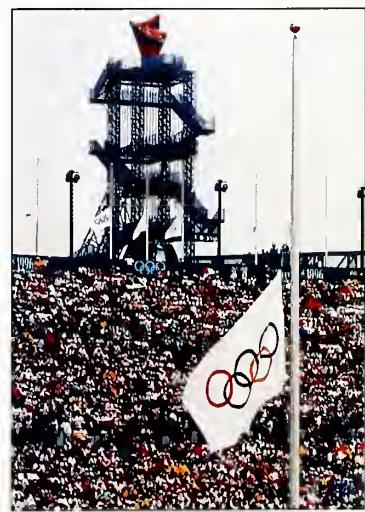
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Demonstrators gather in Toronto, Canada on October 25 to protest cutbacks in social services by the Ontario government. Thousands of people march through the city during "Metro Days of Action," organized by labor and social activists.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Russian President Boris Yeltsin wins reelection in July, despite persistent health problems. After successful heart surgery in November he returns to work.



AP/Wide World

A pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park after the first day of competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Flags fly at half-mast to mourn the 1 person killed and more than 100 injured.

Pope John Paul II undergoes surgery for an inflamed appendix in October. His chief surgeon, Dr. Francesco Crucitti, announces that the 78-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church is free from "previously undiscovered serious ailments."



AP/Wide World

In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.



AP/Wide World

Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.

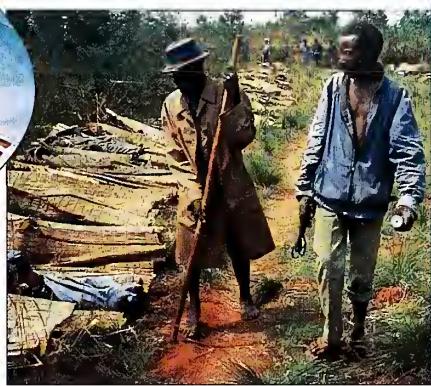


Agence France-Presse



On July 17, Trans World Airlines Flight 800 explodes 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was en route to Paris from New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.

Anti-American Saudi terrorists are blamed for a truck bomb that kills 19 U.S. service people on June 25 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mourners grieve at a memorial service held in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.



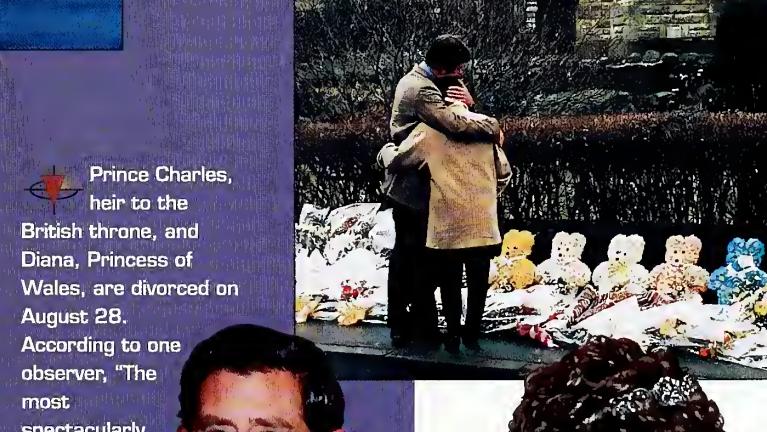
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More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by Hutus, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.



Israeli right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu wins the May 1996 election for Prime Minister, defeating Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whom many Israelis think is making too many concessions to Israel's Arab neighbors.

Tim Graham, Sigma



Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."



Tim Graham, Sygma

A lone gunman kills 16 kindergartners, their teacher, and then himself, at a Dunblane, Scotland school in March 1996. A month after the tragedy, officials tear down the school gymnasium in which the shootings occurred.

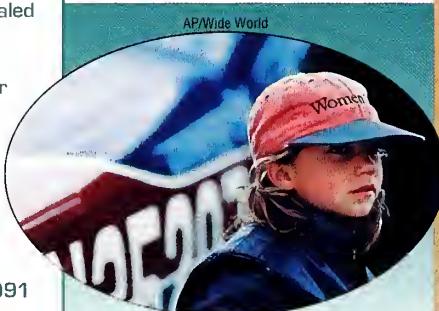
WORLD

NATIONAL FLASH

NATIONAL



Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.



Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane's two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.



Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered in the basement of her parents' Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

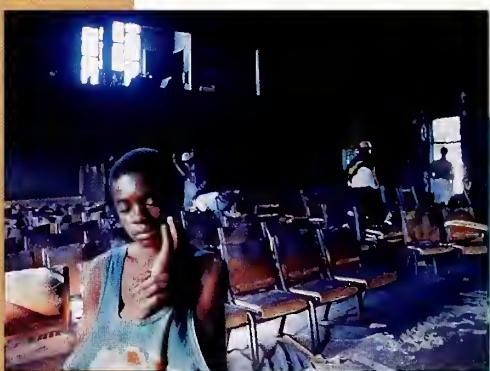
Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined \$300,000 in a bi-partisan vote after the House Ethics Committee's year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.

Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the "Unabomber," who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski's brother leads to the arrest.



Binti Jua, a gorilla at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo, becomes a hero when she rescues a 3-year-old boy knocked unconscious after falling 18 feet into the ape enclosure. The boy suffers brain contusions but soon recovers.

Arson against African-American churches, mostly in the South, is a serious problem in 1996, as hundreds of churches are burned down. Residents of Portland, Oregon survey the damage inside a church after a June fire.



On August 11, a boater rescues 10-year-old Taylor Touchstone from the snake- and alligator-infested waters of a Florida swamp 14 miles away from where he disappeared August 7. Although exhausted and badly scratched, the autistic boy recovers fully.



One of the longest armed stand-offs in U.S. history occurs outside Jordan, Montana between the FBI and members of an anti-government group calling itself the Freemen. The 81-day siege ends peacefully in June.



Reuters/Archive Photos

William Jefferson Clinton defeats Republican Bob Dole and Independent H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd president of the U.S. and the last president of the 20th century. Clinton is the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be reelected to a second term.



Jonathan Zuma

A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In a unanimous verdict, the jury awards \$8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded \$12.5 million in punitive damages.



AP/Wide World

Days of abnormally heavy rains in November undermine the roadbed of Oregon's Interstate 5, creating a 40-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semitrailer trucks tumble.

AP/Wide World

The Citadel, South Carolina's traditionally all-male military academy, admits four women, including Petra Loventinska (left) and Jeanie Montavlos. Montavlos and another female cadet later drop out, citing harassment and "sadistic" hazing.



AP/Wide World

Topsail Beach, a town on an island off the coast of North Carolina, is one of many Eastern locations hit hard by Hurricane Bertha in July. Six powerful hurricanes, all with winds over 110 miles per hour, made 1996 a near-record year doing \$3.5 billion in damage in the U.S.



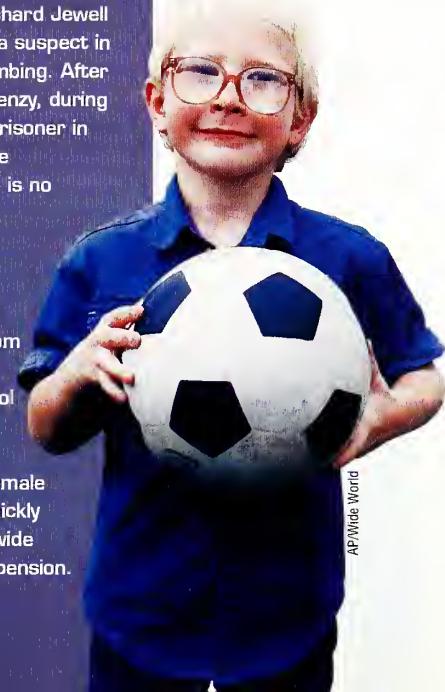
Kurt Miller, The Press-Enterprise

Security guard Richard Jewell is investigated as a suspect in the July Olympic Park bombing. After three months of media frenzy, during which Jewell is a virtual prisoner in his home, the U.S. Justice Department admits there is no evidence against him.

Six-year-old first-grader Johnathan Prevette is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the city schools' sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevette is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.



Schwarz, Gamma/Liaison



AP/Wide World



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NATIONAL

SCIENCE



flash

A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

A new category of animal is discovered in the form of bacteria that live on the lips of lobsters. *Symbion pandora*, which lives on food scraps from lobster lips, is called "the zoological highlight of the decade."



An expedition to raise the *Titanic*, the legendary "unsinkable" ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in failure in August due to rough seas.

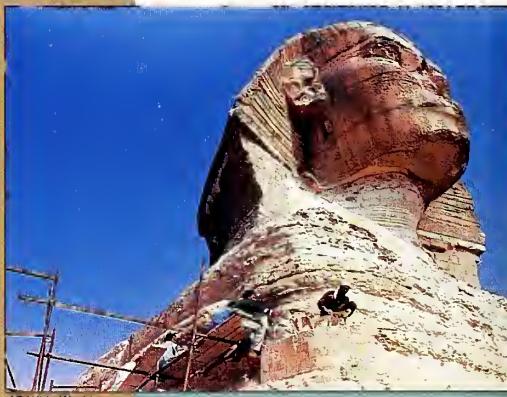


In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.



NASA

Egyptians begin work to preserve the Great Sphinx from the ravages of wind, pollution and time. The 4,500-year-old statue is located in Giza near the giant pyramids.



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NASA

The Mars Surveyor Trolley, named Sojourner, is carried on-board *Mars Pathfinder*, an unmanned spacecraft launched in December. Sojourner, a free-roving probe the size of a child's wagon, will photograph the Martian surface and determine the composition of rocks on Mars.



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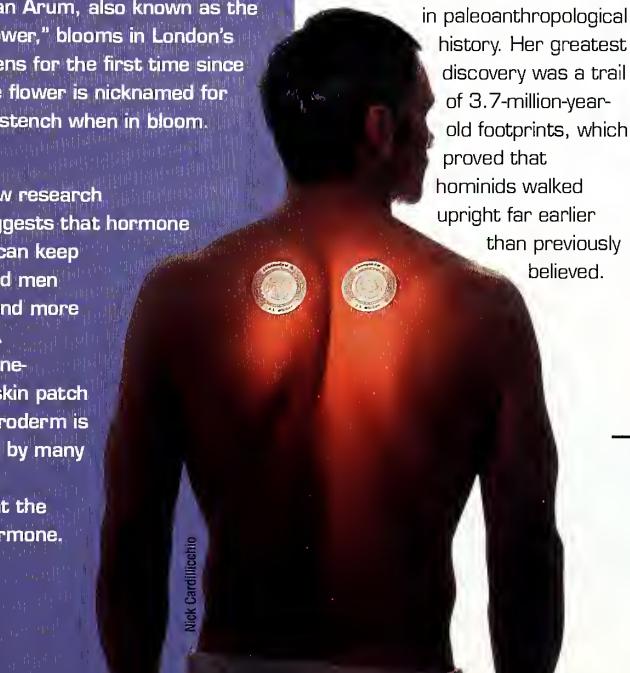


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 The world's largest flower, the Titan Arum, also known as the "corpse flower," blooms in London's Kew Gardens for the first time since 1963. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

 New research suggests that hormone therapies can keep middle-aged men stronger and more youthful. A testosterone-releasing skin patch called Androderm is prescribed by many doctors to supplement the natural hormone.

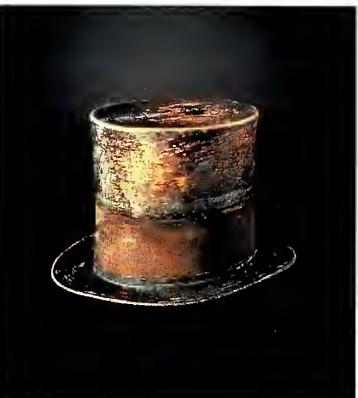
Nick Cardillo



J. Bahcall (Institute for Advanced Study) and NASA

 California's Monterey Bay Aquarium opens a new wing in March 1996. The million-gallon indoor ocean showcases the marine life of the outer reaches of Monterey Bay, 5 to 60 miles offshore.

 The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe's most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to revisit their theories.



Smithsonian Institution



 Steam and ash from Iceland's Loki volcano blast 33,000 feet in the air on October 9. Molten rock from the volcano's 5-mile-wide fissure melts through more than 2,000 feet of glacial ice, threatening the island with widespread flooding.

 An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay \$16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O₂ Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.

 The Smithsonian Institution celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding with a nationwide tour of prize exhibits, including this stovepipe hat worn by Abraham Lincoln.



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SCIENCE

FACTS

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Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle dies on December 6. Rozelle is credited with transforming professional football into America's top spectator sport, and with inventing the Super Bowl.

Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bijan Fragrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.

The ever-present Cindy Crawford releases a book on applying make-up. *Basic Face* enjoys a long run on the best-seller lists.

The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Oveta Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.

Steven M. Falk, Gamma Liaison



Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, suffers a heart attack in late December. It is the 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun's fourth serious illness in 1996.

AP/Wide World



In April 1996, singer Michael Jackson is seen escorting a woman later identified as Debbie Rowe, an employee of Jackson's plastic surgeon. In November, Jackson announces that he and Rowe are married and that she is carrying his child.



Steve Granite, Retna



AP/Wide World

Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, and Prince Andrew, Duke of York and son of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, are divorced in May 1996. "Fergie" subsequently goes public with TV appearances and an autobiography.



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"The Late Show" host David Letterman (right), who had been hinting at retirement, re-signs his contract with CBS, keeping him at "The Late Show" through 2002.

Regis Philbin appears with host Rosie O'Donnell on ABC's "The Rosie O'Donnell Show." The talk show, which premieres in 1996, gains quick popularity and respect.



AP/Wide World

Music megastar Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon, a 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical *Evita*.

In October, TV talk-show host Jenny Jones testifies during the Michigan murder trial of Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz was accused of killing Scott Amedure, who revealed romantic feelings for Schmitz during a March 1995 taping of a "Jenny Jones Show."



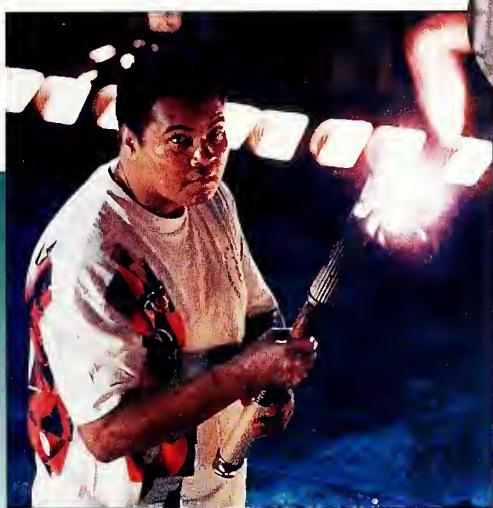
Stephane Cardinale, Sygma

In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette, a Calvin Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world's most eligible bachelors.



AP/Wide World

New York Yankees fan Jeffrey Maier interferes with a fly ball during game one of the American League Championship Series on October 9. The hit is ruled a home run, tying the game 4 to 4 in the eighth inning and making Maier New York's hero for a day.



AP/Wide World

Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the final athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.

John F. Kennedy Library

More than 4,000 items owned by former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and President John F. Kennedy are auctioned off in April 1996, including a necklace of simulated pearls shown in this 1962 photograph. The fake pearls, valued at \$500 to \$700, sell for \$211,500, bringing the auction total to \$34.5 million.



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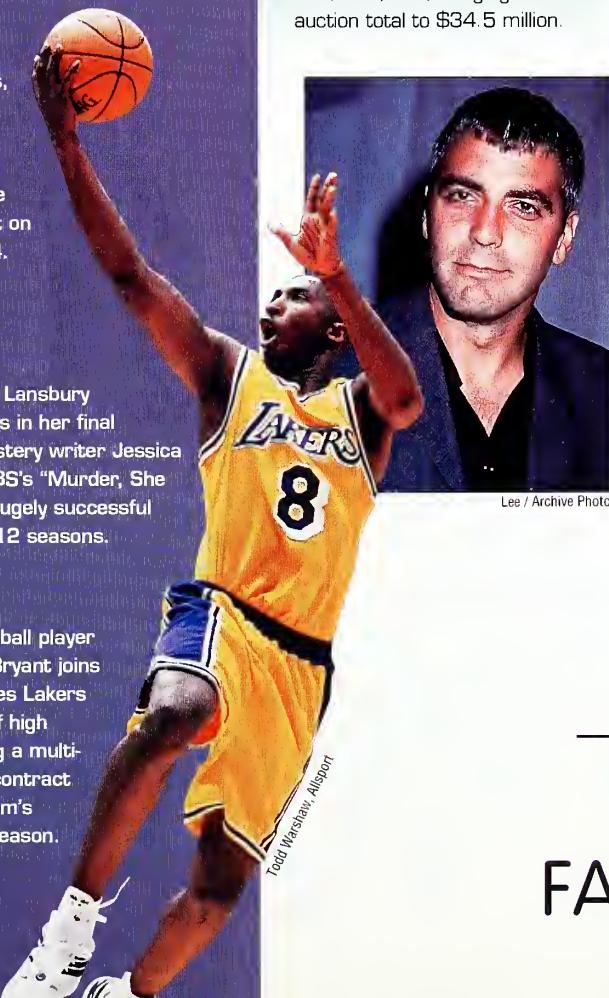
Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.



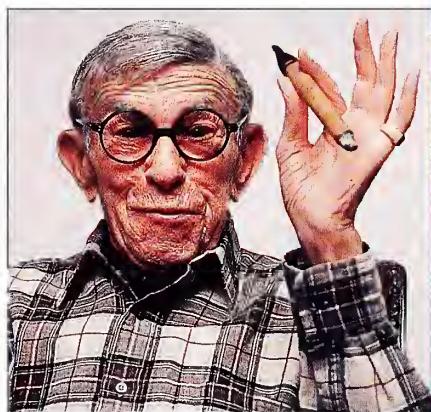
Universal City from Shooting Star

Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS's "Murder, She Wrote." The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.

Basketball player Kobe Bryant joins the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team's 1996-1997 season.



Todd Warshaw/Allsport



AP/Wide World

Veteran comedian George Burns dies in March 1996, just weeks after reaching the age of 100. The legendary Burns won an Oscar, an Emmy and a Grammy Award in an illustrious career dating back to vaudeville.

As a stand against the invasion of his privacy, George Clooney, star of NBC's "ER," boycotts Paramount's "Entertainment Tonight" after its sister show "Hard Copy" runs unauthorized footage of the actor's private life.

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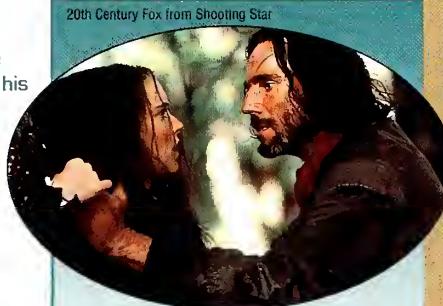
flash

Tom Cruise stars in *Jerry Maguire*, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remake" *Star Wars*, with new scenes, computerized special effects and souped-up animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

NBC's Thursday night drama "ER" features television's first HIV-positive prominent character. Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.

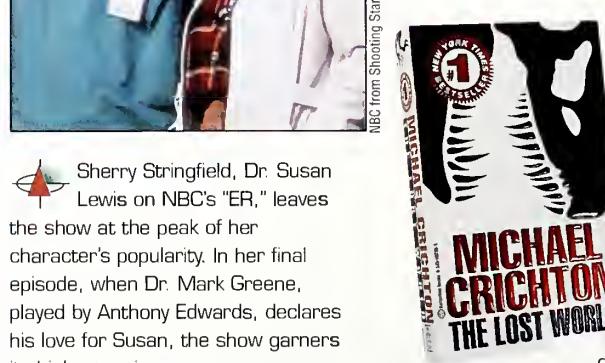


Actors Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis star in *The Crucible*, which opens in December. The screen adaption of Arthur Miller's famous play about the Salem witch trials is written by Arthur Miller himself.



NBC from Shooting Star

Sherry Stringfield, Dr. Susan Lewis on NBC's "ER," leaves the show at the peak of her character's popularity. In her final episode, when Dr. Mark Greene, played by Anthony Edwards, declares his love for Susan, the show garners its highest ratings ever.



generate just as much hype, with a movie already in the works.



Paramount Pictures from Kobal

Scott Adams' *Dilbert*, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation's imagination. In book form, *The Dilbert Principle* becomes a national best-seller.

20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

Drew Carey (left) finds TV stardom during the second season of ABC's "The Drew Carey Show," a zany sit-com about working-class characters in Cleveland, Ohio.



Warner Bros. TV from Shooting Star

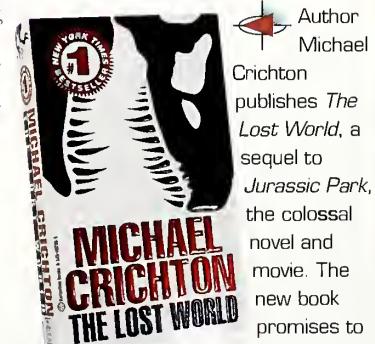


20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "Suddenly Susan," a sit-com premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist opposite magazine editor Judd Nelson (far right).



NBC from Shooting Star



Author Michael Crichton publishes *The Lost World*, a sequel to *Jurassic Park*, the colossal novel and movie. The new book promises to

generate just as much hype, with a movie already in the works.

Patrick Stewart (left) and Brent Spiner (right) star in *Star Trek: First Contact*, a movie featuring characters from the TV show "Star Trek: The Next Generation."



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Warner Bros. from Kobal

Explosive special effects rivet audiences to their seats as they watch *Independence Day*, one of summer's blockbuster movies.



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Paramount from Shooting Star

In September, Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes star as the classic star-crossed lovers in the film *Romeo and Juliet*.

Tom Cruise stars in *Mission: Impossible*, based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical put-downs, the movie is a huge box-office hit.



NBC from Shooting Star

John Lithgow (front right) earns both an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy Series in NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun," a sit-com about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.

Actors Brad Pitt (left) and Jason Patric star in *Sleepers*, a film about four men and their extraordinary scheme to revenge the abuse they experienced as boys. The controversial movie also stars Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro and Kevin Bacon.



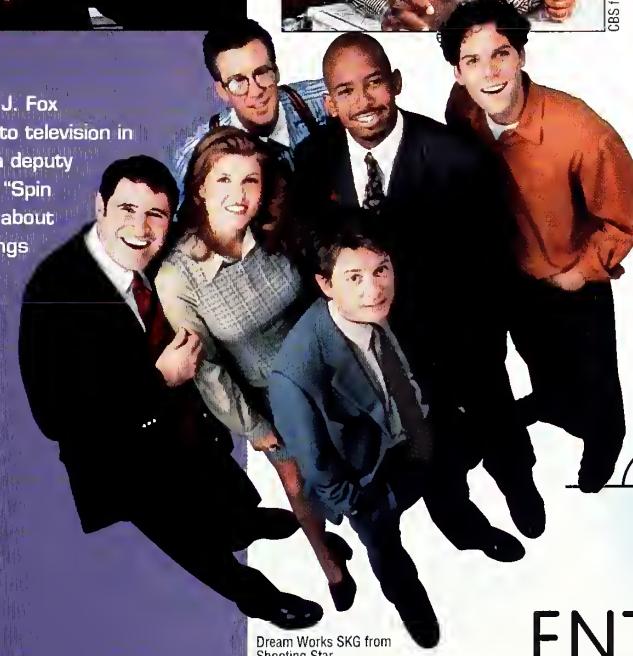
CBS from Shooting Star

America's favorite sit-com father, Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In January 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in Los Angeles in an apparent random robbery.



Warner Bros. from Kobal
Ron Balazs from Shooting Star

Michael J. Fox returns to television in September as a deputy mayor in ABC's "Spin City," a sit-com about the inner workings of New York's City Hall.



Dream Works SKG from Shooting Star

Stars Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt flee a tornado of awesome proportions in *Twister*, another summer blockbuster, which tells the story of storm chasers highly devoted to studying the inner workings of tornadoes.

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Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single "Give Me One Reason." Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases *Emancipation*, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.

Guitarist Slash of Guns N' Roses forms his own band. His new group, Slash's Blues Ball, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rocker Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Wal-Mart. The retail giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtained from the store.

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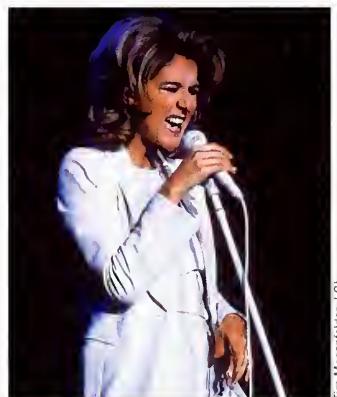


The Beatles' *Anthology 3*, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of their two previous anthologies, *Anthology 3* sells in record numbers.

Gary Malerba, LGI



Kiss bass guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band kicks off a reunion tour with a June 28 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.



Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album *Falling Into You*, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.



Kipa, LGI

Alternative-rock band Nirvana releases a new album, *From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah*, in October. The album contains 17 live tracks recorded between 1989 and the 1994 suicide of singer Kurt Cobain (right).



Jane Huntington, LGI



Steve Jennings, LGI



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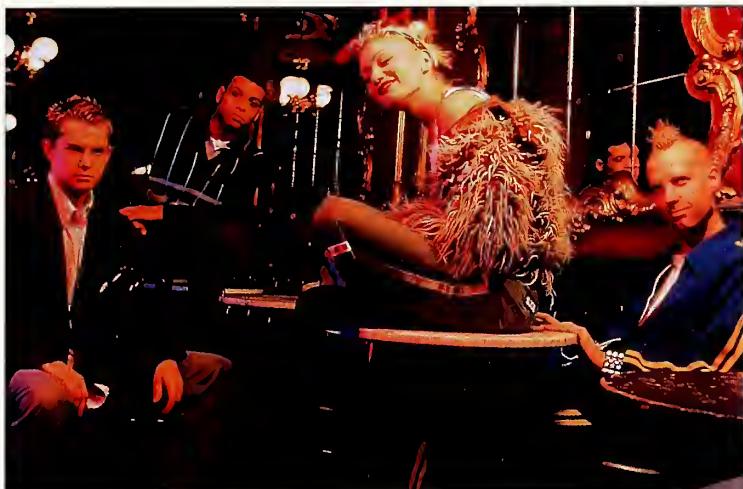


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After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer, David Lee Roth (right), at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.

British pop superstars Liam (left) and Noel Gallagher cancel the remainder of a U.S. concert tour in September amid rumors that their band, Oasis, is breaking up. Denying the reports, the brothers announce they will release a new album in the summer of 1997.

Steve Jennings, LGI



Steve Jennings, LGI

No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases *Tragic Kingdom*, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."



Ariele Starr, LGI

Counting Crows' second album, *Recovering the Satellites*, is released in October. The long awaited follow-up to 1993's *August and Everything After* debuts at number one on the charts.



Tim Mosenfelder, LGI

The hit single "Where It's At" kicks off the new Beck album *Odelay*, which is released to popular and critical acclaim. *Spin* magazine awards Beck Artist of the Year.



Mike Hashimoto/NGI from LGI



Lisa Leone, LGI

Toni Braxton's second album, *Secrets*, is released in summer 1996. Braxton wins R&B Single of the Year for "Let It Flow" at the *Billboard* Music Awards in the fall.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* reigns the charts, becoming the all-time top-selling album by a female artist. Morissette also dominates the 1996 Grammys by winning four awards, including Best Album.



James L. Lance, LGI

Death Row Records co-founder Dr. Dre, often dubbed the "godfather of 'gangsta' rap," begins distancing himself from hard-core rap. "Been There, Done That," his break-away anthem, premieres on MTV in September.

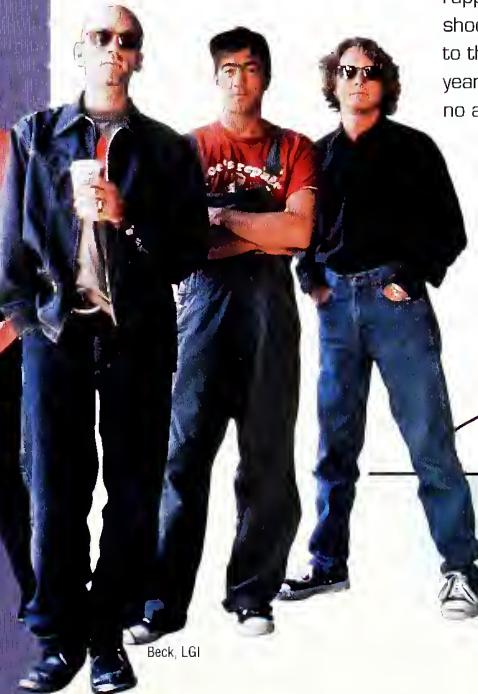
R.E.M.'s 12th album, *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, the group's first recording since 1994's *Monster*, is released by Warner Bros. in September.

The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release *Bringing Down the Horse*, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."



Neal Preston, Rama

Fourteen-year-old singing sensation LeAnn Rimes is nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award after the breakthrough success of her single "Blue." The popular new star is often compared to country music legend Patsy Cline.



Beck, LGI



AP/Wide World

The music world is stunned in September by the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Speculations as to the killer's motive abound, but the year ends with no answers and no arrests.

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Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand-slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women's title, beating Monica Seles.

Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Champion of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, reclaims his title in the surprise win.

Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman furthers his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than \$1 million, in addition to a \$25,000 fine to the NBA, as well as a reported \$200,000 settlement with the photographer.

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League play-offs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.



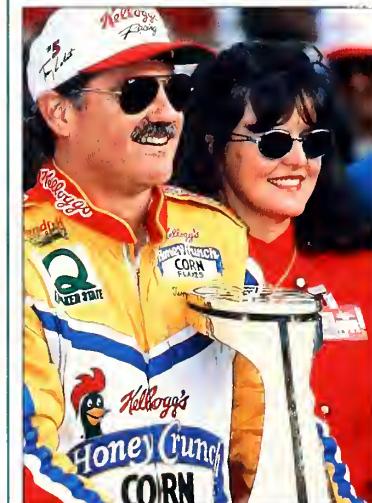
Canapress

Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, beating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.

AP/Wide World



Twenty-year-old golfing phenom Eldrick "Tiger" Woods turns pro in August, making the transition from exceptional amateur golfer to well-endorsed professional, including a deal with Nike worth an estimated \$40 million.



Craig Jones, Allsport



Al Bello, Allsport

In June, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Florida Panthers in the NHL Stanley Cup play-offs. The final game in the series remains scoreless until 1:05 a.m., when the Avalanche finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.



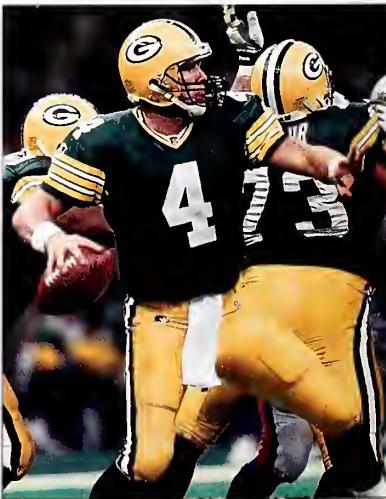
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Race car driver Terry Labonte wins NASCAR's Winston Cup championship with a total of 4,657 points after finishing fifth in the final race, the Napa 500, at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Led by quarterback Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI at the Louisiana Superdome. It is the Packers' first Super Bowl since 1968.



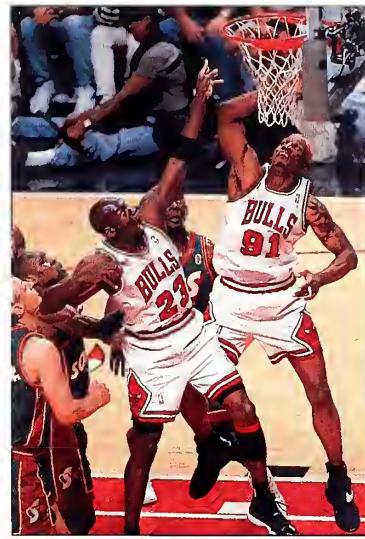
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The New York Yankees win the World Series, beating the Atlanta Braves in a four-game sweep, after losing the first two games. It is the first series title for the Yankees since 1978.



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The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.



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U.S. swimmer Amy Van Dyken wins the women's 100-meter butterfly event at the Olympic Games with a time of 59.13 seconds. Van Dyken wins a total of four golds.

The Chicago Bulls win their fourth NBA championship in six years as they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics in game six of the NBA finals on June 16.



U.S. Olympian Dan O'Brien racks up 8,824 points to take the gold medal in the decathlon, a grueling, 10-event track-and-field competition.

Al Bello, Allsport

April 1996 marks the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. More than 38,000 contenders participate.



AP/Wide World

Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.

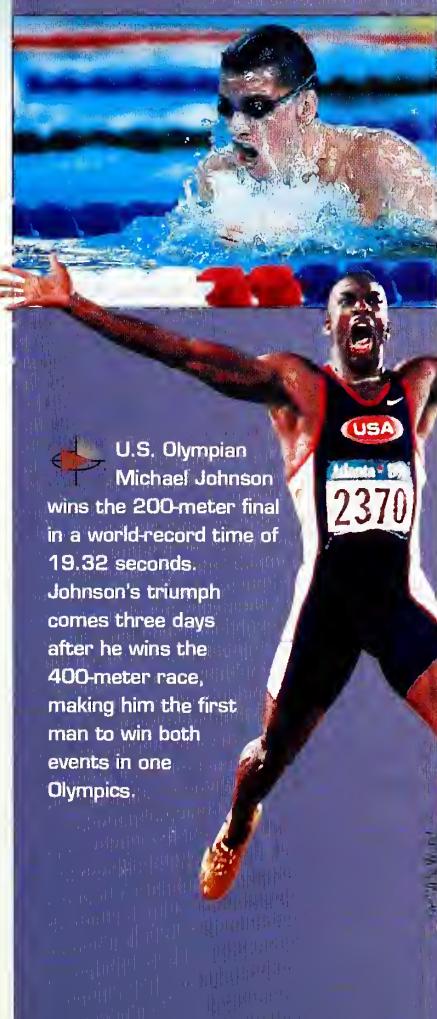
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Olympic swimmer Tom Dolan captures another gold for the U.S. as he wins the 400-meter individual medley on July 21. Dolan wins with a time of 4:14.90.



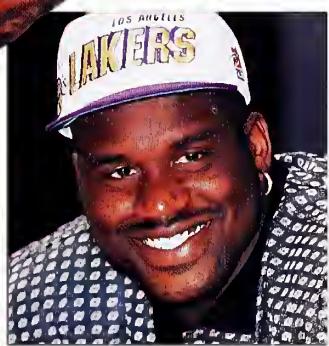
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Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at press conferences and interviews.



U.S. Olympian Michael Johnson wins the 200-meter final in a world-record time of 19.32 seconds. Johnson's triumph comes three days after he wins the 400-meter race, making him the first man to win both events in one Olympics.

Al Bello, Allsport



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Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O'Neal \$120 million over 7 years.

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LIFESTYLE

Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home AIDS tests. Consumers draw their own blood and then send it away to be tested confidentially.

Advancing technology means more options on telephones, including Caller ID, which becomes more common than ever in 1996. The display unit allows people to see the name and number of their caller before even answering the phone.

Authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider release *The Rules*, a controversial manual teaching women strategies for getting a man to propose marriage. While the book draws criticism from both sexes, it is a best-seller.

The U.S. Postal Service issues stamps commemorating Hanukkah, the first non-Christian religious holiday ever featured on a stamp.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.

LIFESTYLE



A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tickle Me Elmo sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toy's value.



The My Twin Doll Company offers individually crafted dolls that replicate, from a photo, the eye color, hair and facial features of a living girl. Each doll comes with two matching outfits, one for the doll and one for the owner.



Nail polish colors get darker and funkier. Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.



The ongoing dance craze is the "Macarena," a Latin line dance. People of all ages participate in the dance, including Olympians, delegates and workers of the Democratic National Convention (above) and the New York Yankees grounds crew.



Disney's 101 Dalmatians inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise, filling stores with spotted toys, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.



The minimum wage is raised to \$4.75 in October, and will increase again to \$5.15, effective September 1, 1997.

The beverage industry introduces a new concept—bottled water with caffeine! One bottle of the uncarbonated water contains as much caffeine as one cup of coffee.

